

Evercreech and District Information Sheet

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November 2021

At last things are starting to get back to normal! Although some events, especially those held indoors may look a bit different, there are some great events planned. There's a Village Bonfire Night, a Christmas Fayre and a Nativity Story Telling and Walk event. See the **diary on page 1** for dates and details. There is an **contents** to help you find details of groups and services.

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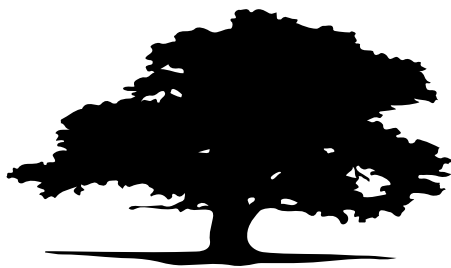
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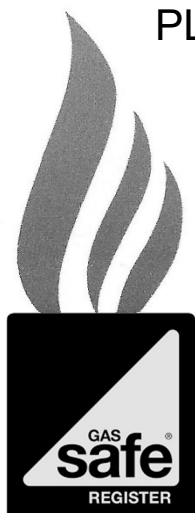
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Monday 28 March 2022

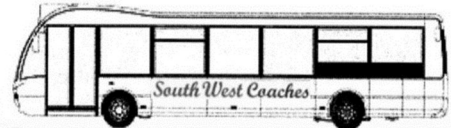
DIARY

Events may be subject to any change. For all meetings and events listed here, please keep an eye out on Facebook for updates or the notice board outside the Co-op, Village Hall and St Peter's Church for any last-minute changes.

Month/Day	Day	Time	Event
NOVEMBER			
Monday	1	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group, to Creech Hill & Lamyatt – from the Village Hall
Saturday	6	7 pm	Village Bonfire
Tuesday	9	7.30 pm	WI – Christmas Crafts, Village Hall
Saturday	13	10 am	St Peter's Coffee Morning – Children's Society
Tuesday	16	7.30 pm	History Society – 'Village Archives', Village Hall
Saturday	20	9.30 am	Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
Saturday	27	6 pm	Turning on of Christmas Tree Lights, refreshments provided by St Peter's
DECEMBER			
Thursday	2	7.30 pm	Evercreech Show Society AGM and Social Evening, The Bell Inn
Saturday	4	TBC	Christmas Bingo, Village Hall
Monday	6	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group, Christmas walk, with pub lunch – from the Village Hall
Saturday	11	10 am	St Peter's Coffee Morning – St Peter's Christmas Charities
Sunday	12	TBC	Community Nativity Story Telling & Walk Event
Tuesday	14	7.30 pm	WI – Christmas Party, Village Hall
Sunday	19	6 pm	St Peter's Christmas Carol Service
Friday	24	5 pm	Crib Service, St Peter's Church
Christmas Eve		11:15 pm	Midnight Communion Service, St Peter's Church
Saturday	25	8 am	Communion Service, St Mary's Church, Chesterblade
Christmas Day		9.30	Family Communion Service, St Peter's Church
JANUARY			
Monday	3	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group, circular walk to Batcombe – from the Village Hall
Saturday	8	10 am	St Peter's Coffee Morning – Safe Families
Tuesday	11	7.30 pm	WI – Games Evening, Village Hall
Tuesday	18	7.30 pm	History Society, 'Local Roads', Village Hall
FEBRUARY			
Monday	7	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group – from the Village Hall
Wednesday	9	2 pm	Mid-Somerset Flower Club, Ellie North (Demonstrator), Village Hall
Saturday	12	10 am	St Peter's Coffee Morning – Show Society
Tuesday	15	7.30 pm	History Society, 'Farming in the Early 20 th Century', Village Hall
Tuesday	8	7.30 pm	WI – Valentine's Day (crafts and history), the Village Hall
MARCH			
Monday	7	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group, from Fir Tree Farm, Galhampton Road
Tuesday	8	7.30 pm	WI – Air Dry Clay, Village Hall
Wednesday	9	2 pm	Mid-Somerset Flower Club, Kathryn Delve (Demonstrator), Village Hall
Saturday	12	10 am	St Peter's Coffee Morning – St Joseph's, Mufulira, Zambia
Tuesday	15	7.30 pm	History Society, AGM – and 'Mystery Objects', Village Hall
APRIL			
Monday	4	10 am	Evercreech Walking Group, Southwood Common, Lamyatt & Milton Clevedon
Saturday	9	10 am	St Peter's Coffee Morning
Wednesday	13	2 pm	Mid-Somerset Flower Club, Pang Adams – Leaf Manipulation, Village Hall
Tuesday	19	7.30 pm	History Society, 'The Small Somerset Farm', Village Hall
MAY			
Wednesday	11	2 pm	Mid-Somerset Flower Club, programme TBC, Village Hall
Saturday	14	10 am	St Peter's Coffee Morning – Mid-Somerset Flower Club
Tuesday	17	7.30 pm	History Society, 'Friendly Society', Village Hall



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FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2021

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NOTES	SCH													SCH	SAT	SAT	SAT	SAT
Oakhill	-	-	-	0715	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1655	-	-	-	-		
Shepton Mallet, Dobbies Garden Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-	1055	1255	-	1525	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cannard's Grave Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	1102	1302	-	1532	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	-	0720	-	0735	0905	1005	1105	1305	1405	1535	-	1705	1800	0905	1205	1620	1915	
Whitstone Road	-	0725	-	-	0910	1010	1110	1310	1410	1540	-	1710	1805	0910	1210	1625	1920	
Cannard's Grave	-	0727	-	0737	0912	1012	1112	1312	1412	1542	-	1712	1807	0912	1212	1627	1922	
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	-	0729	-	0739	0914	1014	1114	1314	1414	1544	-	1714	1809	0914	1214	1629	1924	
Evercreech, Village Hall	-	0732	-	0742	0917	1017	1117	1317	1417	1547	-	1717	1812	0917	1217	1632	1927	
Southwood	-	0737	-	0747	0922	1022	1122	1322	1422	1552	-	1722	1817	0922	1222	1637	1932	
Ditcheat, Bus Shelter	-	0741	-	0751	0926	1026	1126	1326	1426	-	-	1726	1821	0926	1226	1641	1936	
Alhampton	-	0744	-	0754	0929	1029	1129	1329	1429	-	-	1729	1824	0929	1229	1644	1939	
Castle Cary, Rail Station	-	0746	-	-	0931	1031	1131	1331	1431	-	-	1731	1826	0931	1231	1646	1941	
Ansford Academy	-	-	-	0803	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Lamyatt, Poplar Farm	-	-	-	0815	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wyke Lane Junction	-	-	-	0820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wincanton, Southgate Road Depot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ansford, Churchfields	0749	-	-	0934	1034	1134	1334	1434S	-	-	-	1734S	1829	0934	1234	1649	1944	
Wincanton, Memorial Hall	-	0725	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Castle Cary, Town Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1437S	-	-	1737S	-	-	-	-	1947	
Bruton, Burrowfield	-	-	0824	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bruton, Church Bridge	-	0740	0827	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bruton, West End	-	0745	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1601	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bruton, Sunnyhill School	-	-	0831	-	-	-	-	-	-	1604	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Castle Cary Horsepond	0755C	0755	-	0940	1040	1140	1340	-	1615	1735C	-	1833	-	0940	1240	1655	-	
Shepton Montague Inn	-	-	0837	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Galhampton, The Old Pub	-	0800	-	0945	1045	1145	1345	-	1620	1740	-	1838	-	0945	1245	1700	-	
North Cadbury	-	0805	-	0950	1050	1150	1350	-	1625	1745	-	1842	-	0950	1250	1705	-	
Chapel Cross	-	0808	-	0953	1053	1153	1353	-	1628	1748	-	1845	-	0953	1253	1708	-	
Sparkford, Church Road Turning	-	0810	-	0955	1055	1155	1355	-	1630	1750	-	1847	-	0955	1255	1710	-	
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Mudford, Half Moon	-	0826	-	1010	1110	1210	1410	-	1647	1805	-	1900	-	1010	1310	1725	-	
Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	-	0834	-	1018	1118	1218	1418	-	1655	1813S	-	1908S	-	1018	1318	1733	-	
Yeovil Borough	-	0837	-	1021	1121	1221	1421	-	1658	1816S	-	1910S	-	1021	1321	1736	-	
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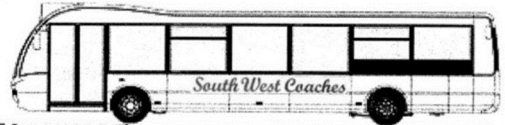
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Clarence Street, Tesco	-	-	-	-	0908	1108	1208	1308	-	1638	1748	-	1058	1408	1753	
Kingston, (for Yeovil Hospital)	-	-	0728	-	0910	1110	1210	1310	-	1640	1750	-	1100	1410	1755	
Yeovil College	-	-	0729	-	0911	1111	1211	1311	-	1641	1751	-	1101	1411	1756	
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Haynes Motor Museum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1121	-	-	
Chapel Cross	-	-	0752	-	0935	1135	1235	1335	-	1705	1815	-	-	1435	1820	
North Cadbury	-	-	0755	-	0938	1138	1238	1338	-	1708	1818	-	-	1438	1823	
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Bruton, Sexeys School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1555	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wyke Lane Junction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1601	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Ansford Acadmey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1613	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Castle Cary, OPPOSITE Railway Stn	0634	0650	-	0907	0954	1154	1254	1354	-	1724	-	-	0819	1135	1454	
Alhampton	0636	-	-	0909	0956	1156	1256	1356	1622	1726	-	-	0821	1137	1456	
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Wincanton, Southgate Road Depot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1855	-	-	-	-	
Southwood	0643	0654	0832	0916	1003	1203	1303	1403	1629	1733	-	-	0828	1144	1503	
Evercreech, Village Hall	0646	0659	0837	0921	1008	1208	1308	1408	1634	1738	-	-	0833	1149	1508	
Prestleigh (for Bath & West)	0649	0703	0841	0925	1012	1212	1312	1412	1638	1742	-	-	0837	1153	1512	
Cannard's Grave	0652	0706	0844	0928	1015	1215	1315	1415	1641	1745	-	-	0840	1156	1515	
Whitstone Road	-	-	0846	0930	1017	1217	1317	1417	-	1747	-	-	0842	-	1517	
Cannard's Grave Road	0653	0707	-	-	-	-	-	-	1643	-	-	-	-	1157	-	
Shepton Mallet, Cenotaph	0656	0709	0851	0935	1022	1222	1322	1422	1648	1752	-	-	0847	1200	1522	
Cannard's Grave Road	-	-	-	-	1025	1225	-	1425	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Evercreech Village Hall	08.00	Street – Strode College	16.45
Evercreech Surgery	08.03	Shepton Mallet Police Station	17.07
Collett Ave (W-bound)	08.15	Collett Ave (E-bound)	17.10
Shepton Mallet Police Station	08.18	Evercreech Surgery	17.23
Street – Strode College	08.45	Evercreech Village Hall	17.25

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Taunton Merry Monk bus stop	6.20am	7.45am	DEPART London, Bay D, Hammersmith	6.45pm	6.00pm
Othery, London Inn bus stop	6.40am	8.05am	Amesbury Centre bus stops	8.35pm	7.50pm
Street, Farm Rd off High St	7.00am	8.25am	Codford Village Corton - turn A36	8.55pm	8.10pm
Glastonbury Town Hall	7.10am	8.35am	Warminster Market Place	9.05pm	8.20pm
Wells, Bus & Coach Station	7.30am	8.55am	Frome, Sainsbury's	9.25pm	8.40pm
Shepton Mallet Commercial Rd	7.45am	9.10am	Shepton Mallet Commercial Rd	9.45pm	9.00pm
Frome, Sainsbury's	8.05am	9.35am	Wells, Bus & Coach Station	10.00pm	9.15pm
Warminster Market Place	8.25am	9.50am	Glastonbury Town Hall	10.20pm	9.35pm
Codford Village, Corton turn A36	8.35am	10.00am	Street Farm Rd off High St	10.30pm	9.45pm
Amesbury Centre bus stops	8.55am	10.20am	Othery London Inn bus stop	10.50pm	10.05pm
ARRIVE London, Bay D Hammersmith	10.45am	12.10pm	Taunton Merry Monk bus stop	11.10pm	10.25pm

Local travel between pickup points also available, pay on board only (fares shown on website).

Check website for most up to date timetables and information.

Berrys coaches also provide a 'SUPERFAST 2' Service to London (nearest pick up point is Wincanton), for details please go to the website.

TRAVELLING IN SOMERSET

www.travelsomerset.co.uk

On this website you will find a map showing current and future roadworks as well as live updates on accidents and other incidents which may cause delays. You will also find links to various other helpful travel information – from rail, air and buses to walking and cycling.

Information comes from a wide range of sources, from highways teams and traffic cameras, third parties like Inrix, the emergency services and utility firms. We do our very best to make sure the information provided is accurate, but it is not exhaustive and should never be completely relied upon. With 4,200+ miles of road in Somerset, there's a lot to keep an eye on and some things we simply don't know about.

To improve and encourage the sharing of information, we have a dedicated Twitter account – **@TravelSomerset**. Please follow us for live alerts and if you spot a problem which we're not reporting, you can let us know by sending us a tweet (if it's safe to do so). We usually monitor Twitter from 7 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) and read all messages when we can, although we cannot reply to every tweet.

We're also unable to formally act upon reports of problems such as potholes or complaints via tweets. If you do contact us to report issues like this, we will try to signpost you to the relevant form on our website. Doing it this way means your report is sent immediately to the correct department to be dealt with, so will hopefully lead to a quicker resolution.

If you need a response or your enquiry is urgent, find out how to get in touch via our Highway Area Offices page. You can also find out more about other highways services on our Roads, Parking and Transport page.

READERS!

If you contact a local business or service after seeing it in EDIS, please let them know. It helps them to know their advert has been effective and in turn helps us to keep producing this publication free to local people.

POST OFFICE COLLECTION TIMES

www.royalmail.com

The plate on the post box in Victoria Square gives the last collection times as:

Monday to Friday: 5.15 pm

Saturday: 11.00 am

There are no collections from post boxes on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The plate also states that "A later collection is made at 6pm from the letter box at Shepton Mallet Delivery Office"; and that "Other collections will be made throughout the day as required until the last time shown".

Contact: Tel: **03457 740740** Fax: 0345 6000606.

MENDIP COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

www.mendipcommunitytransport.co.uk

Registered Charity No 1094918

MCT House, Unit 10a, Quarry Way Business Park, Waterlip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 4RN

Tel: **01749 880613**

Covid 19 information for using Mendip Community Transport

All services are now operating at full capacity with effect from 19 July, 2021.

All Adults travelling with MCT are required to wear a face covering for the duration of the journey. The only exceptions to this rule being age (young children under 11 years of age), health or disability reasons.

Mendip Slinky

Please ring **01749 880482**

Booking line open 9.30 am to 4 pm, Mon – Fri.

Door to door transport for those people who cannot easily use public transport. Free registration and concessionary fares accepted. Friendly and helpful driving staff always available to help you. All personnel fully insured and DBS checked.

Hospital Car Scheme

Please ring **01749 880613**

Booking line open 10 am to 4.30 pm, Mon – Fri

Exclusive door to door transport to hospital and other medical appointments outside the Mendip District Council area. Operated by volunteer car drivers using their own vehicles providing friendly and helpful support. Mileage charge levied with Concessionary Fares discount. All drivers and their vehicles fully insured and individuals DBS checked.

Group Transport

Mendip Community Transport can provide your group with transport to wherever you want to go. For a quote please ring **01749 880613** for full details and a costing.

EVERCREECH GREENWAY/

STRAWBERRY LINE

www.thestrawberryline.org.uk

The Strawberry Line Path is an ambitious project aiming to create a continuous 30-mile traffic-free path spanning Mid-Somerset from Clevedon to Shepton Mallet. It will follow as much of the old Strawberry Line trackbed as possible, and represents a wonderful opportunity to open up the countryside for cyclists, walkers of all ages, runners, parents with buggies and wheelchair users. When complete, it will connect over 70,000 people across Somerset in a beautiful and sustainable way, and provide a key section of the grand Somerset Circle.

For more information, to sign the petition or donate, visit the website (above).

TRAIN SERVICES

CASTLE CARY: Station Wharf, Castle Cary BA7 7PE
Most services are operated by Great Western Railway:
London (Paddington) – Taunton – Devon/Cornwall
and Bristol/Bath/Westbury – Weymouth.

South Western Railway also have a service from and to London Waterloo via Salisbury. Alternatively, there are frequent services from Templecombe Station to Salisbury and London Waterloo.

For times and prices (24 hrs), phone National Rail Enquiries: **03457 48 49 50** or go to: **www.nationalrail.co.uk** where you'll find special offers and a helpful Journey Planner. If you travel regularly, it's important you check your journey.

Tickets

There is a range of money saving Advance tickets and the earlier you book, the cheaper the fare. Tickets can be booked by phoning **0345 7000 125** and online at **www.gwr.com**. There is a ticket vending machine at the entrance to the platform where you can pay by card or collect pre-paid tickets.

You can also book at the station. Ticket Office opening times: Monday-Saturday 6.30 am to 9.30 pm and Sunday 2.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

Useful phone number - Assisted Travel: **0800 197 1329**

Station Car Park

Castle Cary has a Pay and Display Car Park operated by APCOA, open and charging 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Parking options:

- Pay at the pay machine or ticket office (when open) and display the ticket in your windscreen.
- Purchase a valid parking permit online at: **seasontickets.apcoa.co.uk**
- Pay by using APCOA Connect (see signs for details)
- Pay on account with AutoPay - **www.apcoaconnect.com**
- Use Late Pay if you forgot to pay. See online; charges may apply.

Pay and Display Tariffs

Mon-Fri	£4.00
Sat/Sun:	£2.80
Daily tickets valid to 04.00am.	

APCOA Connect Tariffs

Mon-Fri	£3.60
Sat/Sun	£2.80
Daily tickets valid to 04.00am.	

STATION TAXIS

The station is served by a taxi rank or a cab office. Check availability before travelling, and pre-book if necessary. The following are mentioned on the National Rail Website - **www.nationalrail.co.uk/posters/CLC.pdf**

Anzford Cars - **07831 249441**

I.T.Cars - **07528 515722**

They are not always in the rank outside - so book ahead.

LOCAL TAXIS

ACE Taxis – **07841 565550**

Chinnock Taxis – **07703 068878**

Swift Taxis – **01749 340820**

BRISTOL AIRPORT

Bristol BS48 3DY

Tel **0371 334 4444**

www.bristolairport.co.uk

Serving the South West and Wales, Bristol Airport offers flights to over 125 destinations, including the UK, Ireland, Europe and the rest of the world. Due to the current situation, it is vital to check on the website for any changes.

Car Park

Passenger pick up and a choice of secure, monitored short and long stay car parks with CCTV coverage and automatic number plate recognition.

The sooner you book on-line the more you save.

All car parking queries Tel: **0371 334 4450**

BANKS

There is a Lloyds Bank at 5 High Street, Shepton Mallet - opening hours are: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9.30 am - 2 pm, Wed 10 am – 2 pm. Sat and Sun closed.

There are no banks in Castle Cary but there is a cashpoint outside the former Barclays Bank.

There is a cash dispenser inside Evercreech Co-op.



FACEBOOK GROUP

What's Up in Evercreech

Catch up with local news and chat - **advertising on a Tuesday only please.**

Buy / Sell / Wanted – Evercreech

Businesses for Evercreech

SHEPTON MALLET WEBSITES

Shepton Life: **www.sheptonlive.com**

Tourist Information: **www.visitssomerset.co.uk**

Eight Heritage trail walks around the town:

sheptonmallet-tc.gov.uk/walks-in-history

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DOCTORS' SURGERIES



THE PARK MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

Cannards Grave Road,
Shepton Mallet, BA4 5RT
01749 334383

EVERCREECH SURGERY

Prestleigh Road,
Evercreech, BA4 6JY
01749 830325



www.parkmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Since the Coronavirus outbreak, we have been working hard to continue to provide care safely and have made changes to the way you can contact us. **Current guidance is to limit face to face contact where possible and help stop the spread of the virus.** To achieve this, we have increased the use of remote consultations. These will never replace face to face appointments which will be available to all patients where appropriate. However, they can be a convenient way for people to access medical advice and treatment. We are also offering video consultations and online consultations where you can contact us directly via the internet. We encourage you to try these new methods of accessing advice which will help us to ensure that face to face appointments are there for all who need them in a safe environment.

There are two ways you can access help from the surgery:

You can telephone the surgery. Your call will be answered by one of our reception staff who will ask you some questions about the reason for your call to help them to book the right appointment for you. This could be a telephone appointment with one of our clinical team. We have a wide range of professionals offering telephone appointments including GPs, Nurse Practitioners, Physiotherapists and Practice Nurses. Additional appointments are now available on some evenings and Saturdays for people with routine problems that are not able to take a call during normal surgery hours. They may be able to resolve your problem over the telephone or they may wish to assess you further by asking you to send a photograph via our confidential system, doing a video consultation or seeing you at the surgery. The triaging clinician will talk you through this process which is easier than many people think.

You can visit our website to book a telephone appointment or complete a confidential online form. Your form will be reviewed by one of our reception team and directed to the most appropriate clinician. From this point onwards your care will be the same as if you accessed via telephone. If you prefer, the initial triage consultation can be conducted via our confidential two-way messaging system.

You can order repeat prescriptions in person, by post, fax or online. Repeat prescription requests cannot be taken over the telephone.

If you are asked to come into the surgery for a face to face appointment, measures are in place to keep you safe from infection during your visit to the surgery. **Please remember to wear a face covering.** At both Park and Evercreech Surgery we have an intercom at the main entrance to welcome patients attending the surgery.

GROVE HOUSE SURGERY

www.grovehousesurgery.nhs.uk

West Shepton, Shepton Mallet
Somerset BA4 5UH

Appointments: **01749 342863**

Urgent Calls: **01749 342314**

Surgery Opening Hours:

Monday	8.00 am – 6.30 pm
Tuesday	7.30 am – 7.00 pm
Wednesday	8.00 am – 7.00 pm
Thursday	8.00 am – 6.30 pm
Friday	8.00 am – 6.30 pm

Telephone lines open Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 6.30 pm

MILLBROOK SURGERY (Castle Cary)

www.millbrook-surgery.nhs.uk

Millbrook Gardens, Castle Cary, BA7 7EE

Tel: **01963 350210**

Surgery Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 8.00 am - 6.30 pm,
except Tuesday: 7.30 am - 6.30 pm

BRUTON SURGERY

www.brutonsurgery.nhs.uk

Patwell Lane, Bruton, BA10 0EG

Tel: **01749 812310**

Surgery Opening Hours: Monday – Friday
8.00 am - 6.30 pm

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS



Evercreech has **two** defibrillators, sited:

Outside the **Village Hall opposite Victoria Square**
and

Outside **The Bell Inn on Bruton Road**

In the event of an emergency after phoning for an ambulance you will be given the code to use the nearest defibrillator. The defibrillator will “talk” you through how to use it whilst you wait for the ambulance.

NHS 111

NHS 111 is a service to make it easier for you to access local NHS healthcare services. Call 111 if:

- You need medical help fast but it's not a 999 call.
- You think you need to go to A&E or need another NHS urgent care service.
- You don't know who to call.
- You need health information or reassurance about what to do next.

For immediate, life-threatening emergencies, continue to call 999.

NHS 111 - How does it work?

The NHS 111 service is staffed by a team of fully trained advisers, supported by experienced nurses. They will ask questions to assess your symptoms, then give you the healthcare advice you need or direct you straightaway to the local service that can help you best. If a health professional has given you a specific phone number to call when you are concerned about your condition, continue to use that number.

From 6.30 pm each evening until 8 am the next morning, at weekends and on Bank Holidays the NHS 111 Service covers for all doctors. If you need medical help at these times please phone **111**. The NHS 111 Service CANNOT take prescription requests, make surgery appointments or give results.

NURSING CARE

Within the Surgery setting there are Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Health Care Assistants, who provide skilled nursing care to the practice population.

Nurse Practitioners are registered nurses who are qualified to assess, treat and prescribe for a range of illnesses and conditions.

Practice Nurses provide skilled nursing care within the Surgery. The many areas they cover include monitoring of:

Diabetes, Vascular heart disease, Blood pressure, Asthma, COPD and Epilepsy.

Also

Health Promotion and Screening, Wound Management, Travel Advice and Vaccinations, Cervical Smears, Child Vaccinations, Contraceptive Advice and monitoring.

Health Care Assistants are qualified to carry out:

Blood tests,	Blood pressure readings,
ECGs,	Hearing Tests,
Smoking Cessation,	Chaperoning,
Dressings (as directed by the Practice Nurse),	
Flu Vaccinations,	Health Promotion.

DISTRICT NURSE

The District Nurse provides skilled nursing care for people living at home in the community by offering advice and information, treatment and support.

The District Nurse:

- is a qualified registered nurse who has undertaken further training to plan, assess and provide skilled nursing care to patients who are in their homes and have been referred by their GP;
- leads a team of nursing staff and ensures that the care provided is properly planned and delivered.

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SHEPTON MALLET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL **<https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/>**

Bucklers Way, Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 4PG
Tel: 01749 342931

Fosse Ward – 01749 341101 – CURRENTLY CLOSED
In-patient beds and Ambulatory Care Unit
Visiting 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Ambulatory Service

Referrals from health care professionals only
Contact: **01749 341104** Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm.
Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays 9 am to 1 pm.

Minor Injuries Unit

www.somersetft.nhs.uk/minor-injury-units/
01749 341120

Open 7 days a week from **8 am – 8.30 pm**
last patient admitted at 8 pm.
X-rays available 9 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday at Shepton Mallet

The hospital is staffed by emergency nurse practitioners who diagnose and treat a wide range of non-life-threatening minor illnesses and injuries: chest, throat, eye and urinary infections, emergency contraception, sprains, broken bones, cuts, wounds, bites and minor head injuries. If you're not sure which service to use, **phone 111** for advice. For life-threatening emergencies such as heart attacks, strokes, unconsciousness and breathing problems call 999.

Practice Plus Group Hospital

www.sheptonmallethospital.nhs.uk/contact/
This is on the Shepton Mallet Hospital campus and accepts NHS patients for a range of treatments following GP referral. For more information go to the website or phone:
0333 321 8278.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF SHEPTON MALLET COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Secretary: Paul Turner 01749 899 400
gpaulturner@hotmail.com



Shepton Mallet Community Hospital is on the outskirts of Shepton Mallet, just on the edge of the Mendip Hills in Somerset. The League of Friends exists to provide support to the excellent NHS staff who run the hospital, and to raise funds to assist the patients and staff.

The future use of Fosse Ward, which is currently closed, is under review.

There are two suites for local residents who can receive scheduled treatments at the Community Hospital rather than travelling to the major hospitals in the area.

PARK & RIDE to RUH Bath **www.travelinesw.com**

Service 42 operates between the Odd Down Park and Ride site and RUH Bath and takes approximately 20 minutes. The service operates between Monday and Friday from 6.30 am to 8 pm, running every 30 minutes between 7 am and 5 pm.

MATERNITY SUPPORT

Antenatal Clinics are held by appointment, by contacting the midwife team on **01749 342378**.

Please speak with your GP about your pregnancy and birth options.

HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

Getting to a hospital or medical appointment: If you're going to hospital for an appointment, tests or treatment, you'll normally be expected to make your own way there. Try to get a friend or relative to take you to hospital and collect you after you've been discharged. If you visit a district hospital you will have to pay for parking.

NHS funded patient transport: You may be eligible for free non-emergency patient transport services. These services provide transport to and from hospital for people who have a medical need for it. Find out if you are entitled to NHS free hospital transport by phoning the NHS Patient Transport Advice Centre on **01278 727444** between 8.30 am and 6.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Community transport

www.mendipcommunitytransport.co.uk/

Phone: 01749 880613

SLINKY BUS - The Mendip Slinky - **01749 880482** and the Sedgemoor Slinky - 01749 880948 are operating, however there are restrictions on the number of passengers.

ROUTE 665 - This service is operating to a normal timetable. However due to restrictions on passenger numbers please phone **01749 880613** to book a journey.

ROUTE 67 - This service is operating to the published timetable, with a restriction of seven passengers at any one time. An additional vehicle is operating at peak times of the day to provide additional capacity for pupils travelling to/from The Blue School, Wells.

HOSPITAL CARS – Phone: 01749 880613

Useful Hospital Phone Numbers

West Mendip Community Hospital, Glastonbury:
01458 836450

Royal United Hospital, Bath:
01225 428331

Yeovil District Hospital:
01935 475122

South Bristol Community Hospital:
01179 230000

Southmead Hospital, Bristol:
01179 505050

Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton:
01823 333444

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT**www.blood.co.uk**

Donation is still going ahead during the pandemic, even in areas of local lockdown.

Visit the website for more information and to locate preferred session venue, or phone **0300 123 23 23** to book an appointment for your next donation.



The need for blood never stops so please try to find the time to attend a session.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY**www.alzheimers.org.uk***United against dementia*

Alzheimer's Society in Somerset provides a support service across the county for people living with dementia and their carers. Our Dementia Advisor Service can offer personalised, practical and emotional support, information and guidance to people affected by dementia.

This service continues to run online during the Covid-19 pandemic. Telephone support and some home visits resumed in October 2020. Unfortunately, currently we do not have a date to resume our Memory Cafés or Singing for the Brain groups.

For more information, contact the Dementia Connect Support Line:

0333 150 3456 or email: **somerset@alzheimers.org.uk**

NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST**enquiries@nct.org.uk****www.nct.org.uk**

For support, information and friendship, with in person options now available.

For all enquiries please call **0300 330 0700**

VICTIM SUPPORT**www.victimsupport.org.uk**

If you've been affected by crime, call the local victim care team in Avon and Somerset on **0300 303 1972**. Lines are open 9.30 am - 5.30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 11 am - 7 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you need support outside of our open hours, call our **Supportline** for free on **08 08 16 89 111** or **request support via the website**.

This service is free, confidential and available to anyone in England and Wales, regardless of whether the crime has been reported or how long ago it happened. The support services we offer are tailored to the needs of each person. These include: information and advice, immediate emotional and practical help, longer term emotional and practical help; advocacy; peer support and group work, restorative justice, personal safety services and help in navigating the criminal justice system.

**Evercreech
Pharmacy****Pharmacy Service**

- Appliance dispensing
- Medicines use review (MUR) service
- Prescription collection
- Prescription delivery service
- Private consultation room

Pharmacy Service (NHS)

- Gluten-free food service
- Medication review service
- Supervised consumption of medicines

Pharmacy Service (Non-NHS)

- Blood pressure monitoring

Open Mon-Fri: 9.00am-1.00pm, 2.00pm-6.00pm
Sat: 9.00am-1.00pm

Victoria Square, Evercreech, BA4 6JP

01749 830267

dfspharmacy@gmail.com

Village List of items to borrow

Bedside side/lever
Suction Hand Grips
Gazebo
Pushchair
High Chair
Travel Cot
Tombola Drum
Large Baking (cake) Tins
Large Pans (for preserving etc.)
Wine Glasses
Vintage China and Glassware for Cream Teas, etc.
Wheelchair
Trolley Walker
2 three-wheeled walkers
Commode Chair
Shower stool

**Contact Hilary Foster on
01749 830664.**

If you have items you are prepared to "loan out" let Hilary know.

SOMERSET DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICE**www.turning-point.co.uk/services/sdas**

SDAS Young Peoples Service supports all young people across Somerset who are experiencing difficulties with their substance use. A team of specialist workers with experience and understanding of issues affecting young people, offers confidential, non-judgemental advice, information and support in a flexible manner. Appointments are arranged for wherever clients feel most comfortable and the Team are happy to work around their needs and goals.

Support is offered to young people with concerns about their own relationship with alcohol or drugs and also young people who are struggling to deal with the impact of another person's substance use - a parent, sibling or any significant person in their life.

If you need to speak with a member of the Team please call: **0300 303 8788**. Available **24/7** for enquiries.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk****Help line: 0800 9177 650**

Online meetings continue. In person evening meetings have restarted in Shepton Mallet, Wells and other venues.

Please visit the above website to find out more or send an email to **help@aamail.org**.

CRUSE - Bereavement Care**www.cruse.org.uk** (adults)**www.hopeagain.org.uk** (children & young people)**Free Helpline: 0808 808 1677**

Support will be offered by phone, email or internet until further notice.

Somerset Area Cruse Bereavement Care supports bereaved **adults, children and young people** throughout Somerset.

If you would like to make a donation go to:

www.cruse.org.uk/donate

We are Versus Arthritis. We're the 10 million people living with arthritis. We're the carers, researchers, healthcare professionals, friends, parents, runners and fundraisers all united in our ambition to ensure that one day, no-one will have to live with the pain, fatigue and isolation that arthritis causes. For more information visit our website.

AGE UK SOMERSET**www.ageuk.org.uk/somerset****info@ageuksomerset.org.uk****Charity number 1015900**

AGE UK are trying to offer most services in a Covid-safe way so do make contact to see what can be done. For enquiries telephone **01823 345613** between 10 am and 3 pm, Monday to Friday or Main Office 01823 345610.

Welfare Benefits Advice

Age UK Somerset provides an independent, confidential and free welfare benefits service for older people.

Volunteer Service

Volunteers play a crucial part in the work of Age UK Somerset and are always required for befriending, welfare, benefits advice and fundraising. No experience is necessary and full training will be provided.

To enquire about this service or to find out about becoming a Volunteer phone: **01823 345627**.

Befriending Service

Age UK has a large team of befriending volunteers available for one-to-one support, regular visits or telephone calls as well as for links into services, community groups and activities. Volunteers visit people in their own home to chat and enjoy a cup of tea in a relaxed environment. For further information about the service, or if you wish to volunteer, phone: **01823 345627**.

Toenail cutting – this service is still running in Mendip.

Age UK offer toenail cutting as a clinic-based service for those aged 55+. Those wishing to apply for the service should in the first instance speak to their GP who can refer them to the Podiatry Service. Please phone for up to date advice and information: **01823 345610**.

READERS!

If you contact a local business or service after seeing it in EDIS, please let them know. It helps them to know their advert has been effective and in turn helps us to keep producing this publication free to local people.

MATURE MOVERS

Some classes have resumed. Please visit the website for updates about the new arrangements regarding registration and booking classes.

Promote your general wellbeing with this health boosting activity and help you age well. Gentle exercise to music, choreographed, fun and lively. Mainly standing with a seated element. Great for improving mobility and posture. It helps you to feel more relaxed, gently stretches your muscles and strengthens your joints whilst improving balance. It also gives you a chance to meet new people.

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Contact - **01823 345624** or
ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk

BRITISH RED CROSS

www.redcross.org.uk

Independent Living Team, Red Cross House,
Livingstone Way, Taunton, Somerset TA2 6BD
somersetindependentliving@redcross.org.uk

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Mobility Aids: **01823 273746**.

Medical Equipment Service

For loan of Wheelchairs, Zimmer Frames, Commodes,
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Please contact Ken & Hilary Masters **01963 824209**.
Located at the new Wincanton Health Centre, Dykes Way,
Wincanton BA9 9JB. **By Appointment only**.

HOME FIRST PLUS

www.homefirstplus.org.uk

Tel: **01935 319006**

Email: office@homefirstplus.co.uk

By appointment only: The Old School, High Street, Queen Camel, BA22 7NH

HomeFirst Plus (formerly Somerset Care and Repair), a not-for-profit Home Improvement Agency with charitable status, has been providing assistance to clients for the past 20 years, to maintain their homes and ensure their comfort, safety, security and most importantly, their independence.

The Agency works closely with Local District Councils, Health Services and other professional bodies, and offers a wide range of services backed by free and impartial advice.

HomeFirst Plus Stair Lift Service can advise, survey, fit and maintain new and reconditioned lifts. Our engineers are fully trained by the manufacturers. Compare our prices as we are usually cheaper than buying directly from the manufacturer and remember our advice is free.

We also survey and advise on level access bathing solutions and use trusted contractors to carry out the works so you know that you are getting exactly what is required to a high standard of workmanship. We provide free advice and surveys to find the best solution for your individual needs.

We provide a range of mobility scooters, rise and fall chairs, and mobility aids and a range of items designed to help make living independently easier. Get in touch to find out more.

We also have Government funding to help bring empty homes back into use. If you have an empty property, or know of one, then please contact the office on the number below or if you or someone you know could benefit from our on-site training schemes call us to find out more.

If you have a problem or simply need advice about a property give us a ring on the number above. There are no pressure sales tactics, our advice is free and impartial. For further information visit the above website.

DOROTHY HOUSE HOSPICE CARE

www.dorothyhouse.org.uk

Dorothy House Hospice Care supports people with a life-limiting illness, their families and carers, covering an area of over 700sq miles including Evercreech and Shepton Mallet.



The majority of care is delivered in the home and the community.

Providing end-of-life services requires significant funds and for every £1 from the NHS, the hospice has to raise £4. **VISIT OUR SHOP** on the High Street, Shepton Mallet.

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SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK, SHEPTON MALLET



Please consider buying a couple of extra food items each week for the food bank in Shepton Mallet. There is a **box at the back of St Peter's**



Church for donations (**non-perishable items, unopened and in date please**). We have limited storage space, so please only try to donate the items we are asking for.

Please drop your donations in when the Church is open – this is currently every day, in daylight hours. Due to the need to respond to changes in Covid-19 constraints, Church opening times are subject to change; please check the notice board for updates. Donations are taken to the Salvation Army once a week.

At this time, you may prefer to take donations yourself to the Salvation Army in Shepton Mallet, between 10 am and 2 pm, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, or on Sunday mornings.

When you do your weekly shop, please remember those who live in the local area who may need to use this valuable service.

You can donate funds directly to The Salvation Army in Shepton Mallet, so that items which are needed most can be purchased:

justgiving.com/fundraising/TheSalvationArmySheptonMallet

If you need to use the food bank, contact Citizens Advice Mendip, Job Centre Plus, MIND, Community Council for Somerset, YMCA, Health Connections Mendip or Social Services to request a referral form.

Many thanks for your generosity



COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR SOMERSET www.somersetccc.org.uk

CCS works to support community groups, organisations and individuals in Somerset. We have a fantastic and dedicated team of local professional advisors and pride ourselves on offering independent advice. Fancy a chat with someone? Village Agents can connect you with a befriending or Talk & Support service. Would you benefit from a free food box, or if you are a Carer, would you benefit from some respite from cooking? We can provide some meal packs for you and the person you care for.

Check out our website to find out more about how we support people, places and enterprise, plus how to contact the relevant Agent for your particular needs.

SAFE FAMILIES www.safefamilies.uk



Facing life alone is hard, and when families feel like there is no one there to help it's a scary place to be. This is why Safe Families volunteers stand alongside thousands of families every year.

We train and support volunteers and connect them with isolated families, so they can build relationships that bring hope. We need volunteers to encourage families by phone or text (Connect Friends), or to visit in person once a week (Family Friends), or to host children overnight (Host Homes), or perhaps you have resources that could be donated to a family (Resource Friends) – could you join us?

For more information or to meet for an informal chat please contact Dawn on dawnholmes@safefamilies.uk or **07384 218826** or apply straight away at volunteer.safefamilies.uk.

EDIS VOLUNTEERS

The EDIS Team is a very small team of volunteers who really need more help!

Can you spare some time twice a year to volunteer?

To find out more about how you can help please phone **01749 831069**

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POLICE - Avon & Somerset Constabulary **www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/localpages**

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Shepton Mallet Police Station is located in Haskins Retail Park, Townsend, BA4 5SB

The Rural Beat Team

Julie Denny	- Neighbourhood Inspector
Rachel Clark	- Neighbourhood Sergeant
Guy Dury	- PCSO
Jane Ellis	- Neighbourhood Constable
Stephen Reading	- PCSO Supervisor
Sheila Thompson	- PCSO

Our aim, as a team, is to build public confidence and reassurance within the rural area, to patrol on a regular basis in an effort to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and to provide a good service to the public. Should you need to speak to any of the team, please do not hesitate to contact us on the 101 number.

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999

101 – The Non-Emergency number

Environmental Protection Team - DOGS

All dogs in England, Scotland and Wales are legally required to be microchipped and their details registered. Mendip District Council has a number of powers to deal with dogs.

To report any issues go to **www.mendip.gov.uk** and search for dog services.

Stray dogs

The law requires dogs to wear a collar and an identification tag with the owner's details when out in public. All dogs collected by MDC contractors are scanned for microchips to try and identify owners. If a stray dog is picked up by a contractor and the owner is not found straight away it is taken to kennels. It costs over £69 to retrieve it on the first day and then an extra £16.50 for each day thereafter. If the dog is not retrieved within 7 days the dog will pass into the ownership of the Council and may be re-homed.

Unfortunately, there is no out-of-hours service for owners to collect their dogs from the kennels.

Dog fouling

A person in charge of a dog who does not clear up if it fouls in a public place could face a fine of up to £1000.

Nuisances caused by barking or fouling on private land

Report incident through the above website.

Dog on dog, or other animal attack or threats

Report incident through the above website.

Dangerous dogs (including attacks on humans)

Contact the Police on 999 if in emergency, otherwise call 111.

Dog Welfare

Contact RSPCA on **0300 1234999** if you have concerns about a dog or other domestic pet.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

There are now several schemes operating in the village with their own newsletter etc. We encourage the formation of more groups. If you are interested in forming your own Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and want more information please contact:

Paul Johnson, Neighbourhood Watch Administrator
on **07889 656 575**

email **PaulK.Johnson@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

Watch and Community Schemes

- Community Speedwatch
- Farm Watch
- Horse Watch

CRIME STOPPERS

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

If you wish to pass any information to the Police anonymously please contact Crime Stoppers, the UK's only independent crime fighting charity. **Ring: 0800 555 111**

NOISE NUISANCE

Excessive noise can be a source of annoyance and stress which can interfere with everyday life, cause sleep disturbance and on occasions affect your health.

What we can help with

- Noise from domestic premises e.g. loud music, TV or radio
- Noise from commercial premises
- DIY taking place at unreasonable hours
- Noise from plant machinery and equipment
- Noise from construction and demolition sites
- Noise from sporting activities e.g. motor bike scrambling, clay pigeon shooting etc.
- Dogs that persistently bark

How do I make a complaint about noise?

In order to make a complaint about noise we will need the following information from you:

- Your name and address
- Your telephone number
- Email address (if you have one)
- The address (or site) where the noise is coming from
- The type of noise occurring
- When and for how long it has been occurring
- How the problem is affecting you (e.g. disturbing sleep or closing windows)
- Anything you have tried to help solve the problem (e.g. speaking to your neighbour)

Telephone: **0300 303 8588** or complete on-line form under noise nuisance at **www.mendip.gov.uk**

If the source of the nuisance is an organised event that has advertised a help line number, use that number also.

SAMARITANS

Telephone - 116 123

Email - jo@samaritans.org

Website - www.samaritans.org

Write - Freepost SAMARITANS LETTERS

The Samaritans offer a free and confidential listening service. They can be contacted **24 hours a day 365 days** a year. It is free to phone and the number will not come up on the callers' phone bill.

People contact the Samaritans with all sorts of concerns. What might be a small issue to you, may be huge to someone else. You could be going through something new or have been struggling to cope for some time. Either way, the Samaritans are there if you feel you need some extra support.

Common reasons people contact the Samaritans are:

- relationship and family problems
- loss, including loss of a friend or a family member through bereavement
- financial worries
- job-related stress
- college or study-related stress
- loneliness and isolation
- depression
- painful and/or disabling physical illness
- heavy use of or dependency on alcohol or other drugs
- thoughts of suicide

If what's getting to you isn't on this list, please still get in touch.

CITIZENS ADVICE



For information about opening times across the Mendips visit: citizensadvicemendip.org.uk

To send an email go to **the website** and click on 'Email

Click for advice' and emails will be answered within five working days. You can also ring for telephone advice on **0808 2787 842** Monday - Friday 10 am – 4 pm.

Local office is located at Highfield House, Shape Mendip Campus, Cannards Grave Rd, BA4 5BT.

Please note following recent government announcements this and all other Citizens Advice Offices are closed for face to face appointments until further notice.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS	
Housing	Mendip District Council 0300 303 8588 Shelter 0808 800 4444
Employment	ACAS 0300 123 1100
Domestic Abuse and Violence	SIDAS 0800 69 49 999

MENDIP COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

www.mendipcommunitycu.org.uk



Credit unions enable people in a community to come together to save ethically and to borrow money at competitive rates.

This is a mutual organisation, meaning there are no external share-holders and we pay out any surplus at the end of each year as a dividend to our members. It also means that each adult member has one vote at the AGM, which sets the direction we take.

100% of members' savings are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Like all other credit unions, MCCU is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

See the website for further information or contact:

Answerphone: **0800 622 6036**

Address for post: FREEPOST MENDIP CREDIT UNION

Email: info@mendipcommunitycu.org.uk

At the moment we are not signing up new members other than in exceptional circumstances.

Please note: All service points shown below are currently closed until further notice

Service points locations and previous opening times:

Salvation Army Hall, 21 Commercial Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BU

Tuesday 10 am -12 noon

Frome Library

Wednesday 10 am – 12 noon.

Crispin Centre, Leigh Road, Street, BA16 0HP

Friday 10 am - 12 noon

Frome, Glastonbury & Wells libraries

Saturday 10 am -12 noon

Answerphone: Freephone **0800 622 6036**

Address for post: FREEPOST MENDIP CREDIT UNION

Email: info@mendipcommunitycu.org.uk

STREET LIGHTING NEEDING REPAIR

Call 0345 601 0939

Give the number of the light
and the address / post code OR

www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-with-a-street-light/

To report a **WATER LEAK** online
www.bristolwater.co.uk/report-a-problem-or-leak/
Or phone **0800 801011 (Bristol Water)**

REGISTRAR:
BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES

www.somerset.gov.uk

Mendip Hub, Cannards Grave Road,
 Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT

Open

Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 4.00 pm

Please ring or email to make an appointment.

Email: somersetregistrations@somerset.gov.uk

Tel: **01823 282251**

For information on civil ceremony locations, venues and suppliers in Somerset, check out the website www.somersetweddingservice.org.uk

SOMERSET COMMUNITY MEALS

This service delivers frozen meals every two weeks. They must be stored in a freezer and can be reheated in a microwave. Dietary, religious and ethnic needs catered for.

The service is for older people and people with disabilities who have been assessed as needing help to ensure they have regular cooked meals. The service is provided at a discounted rate menu by Wiltshire Farm Foods.

You can apply for this service by emailing

adults@somerset.gov.uk or phone 0845 345 9133, Monday to Friday between 8 am and 6 pm and Saturdays between 9 am and 4 pm.



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SHEPTON MALLET LIBRARY

2 The Market Place, Shepton Mallet BA4 5AZ

After a substantial makeover, Shepton Mallet Library reopened at the end of June with longer opening hours and a new look!

Opening hours:

Monday	9.30 am – 5 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am – 5 pm
Thursday	9.30 am – 5 pm
Friday	9.30 am – 5 pm
Saturday	9.30 am – 1.30 pm

Library membership entitles you to borrow a wide range of items including books, audio books, e-books, e-magazines, e-comics and DVDs and you can also request and renew items, access printing and the internet via our public computers, and free WiFi.

We also offer an iPad loaning scheme for jobseekers and people looking to develop new skills for employment who can borrow an internet-ready iPad for up to 6 weeks.

For more information about the library, go to www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries or follow us on Facebook, Somerset Libraries Shepton Mallet, or email shmlib@somerset.gov.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library visits Evercreech every four weeks on Thursdays stopping at **Gartons Mead, 12.15 – 12.55 pm.**

If you are housebound the library may be able to arrange for books to be delivered to you by the RVS. For more information, phone **0300 123 2224** or visit the libraries website.

THE BELL BOOK CLUBS

The first group (BBC1) started in late 2010. In 2014 BBC2 was established, in September 2015 BBC3 started and in February 2017 BBC4. Groups usually meet in the Bell Inn, BBC1, 2 and 3 at 7.30 pm, BBC4 at 7.00 pm. We discuss the book we have just read and then eat a delicious supper cooked by Abbi, the chef at The Bell. All books are obtained from Shepton Mallet Library and we thank Janet Rundle for organising us. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions some groups are not meeting, and others are holding Zoom meetings. Anyone interested to know more, please contact:

Daryl Issitt **07398 155606**

EVERCREECH CREATIVE WRITERS

Have you ever wanted to write? Stories of any kind - fiction, non-fiction, history or family history, tall tales or short flashes, poetry or maybe even songs?

We're a new group of all kinds of writers, from beginners to more experienced, gathering together for inspiration, support, encouragement and time to write.

We haven't been meeting recently due to Covid-19, but if you're interested in joining us in any way at all, please do get in touch.

For more information, contact Jenny on **07766 817703** or EvercreechCreativeWriters@gmail.com

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All enquiries Tel: **0300 303 8588**

Refuse collection is every 3 weeks

Food waste and Recycling will be collected every Friday. Please sort items for recycling and note what can and cannot go in the recycling boxes and blue bag. For information on waste collections go to www.somersetwaste.gov.uk where there is also an opportunity to sign up for regular newsletters by email. See also recycling services on **page 18**.

Always put out bins by 7 am and no earlier than the night before your collection day please.

Bank Holidays Usual Friday collections may be changed following Bank Holidays.

Go to www.mendip.gov.uk/collectiondate for up to date information.

Garden Waste (subscribers only)

Wheeled Bins (£57.20 per year, from May) or compostable paper sacks (10 for £28.30) will be collected every alternate Friday.

There are no garden waste collections in the two weeks after Christmas. Please see:

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/garden-waste-collections/ for collection dates. Garden waste collections may be suspended during periods of severe weather.

Special Collection of Bulky Household Waste

Bulky household items (excluding fixtures and fittings) can be collected by the Council upon request. This is a chargeable service. Call **0300 303 8588**.

Illegal Fly Tipping

If you spot anything that has been dumped, do not touch it but note its exact location and likely contents. Contact MDC on **0300 303 8588** or email customerservices@mendip.gov.uk. Fly tipping also includes the depositing of items around, rather than in, the recycling banks. Check for latest information at customerservices@mendip.gov.uk

FREEGLE AND TRASH NOTHING!

There are Freegle groups around the world, introducing people who have usable things to give away to people who can use them. There are now over 600 groups spread across the country with over four million members. Once you have joined your local group, you can create 'Offer' posts for items you want to give away, or 'Wanted' posts for items you need (as long as you follow some basic rules).

It's all about reusing and keeping good stuff out of landfill. To sign up to our local group, go to www.ilovefreegle.org and get started. The Trash Nothing! site is an alternative interface for existing Freegle groups making it quicker and easier to post your offers or requests. Sign up at www.trashnothing.com

Household Waste Recycling Centres

These sites are provided by Somerset Waste Partnership www.somersetwaste.gov.uk for the free disposal of household waste such as old furniture, large electrical appliances (including fridges) and some DIY waste*. Please be prepared to separate waste for recycling upon arrival. The nearest sites to Evercreech are:

Dimmer near Castle Cary Tel: **01963 351725**
Signposted from Railway Bridge on A371:

Monday, Tuesday: 9 am to 5 pm**
Saturday, Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm

Dulcote near Wells Tel: **01749 670973**:

Weekdays except Tuesdays: 9 am to 5 pm**
Saturday, Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm.

** Recycling centres close at 6pm 1 April-30 September

When visiting any Somerset recycling site with your household waste, your vehicle or trailer may need a permit. Both vehicle and trailer size are restricted. Permits are free, only available to Somerset residents and must be displayed on all visits. Please apply for a permit before you take your waste.

*Charges must be paid by card – not cash or cheque – at all sites for disposal of materials not classified as household waste: asbestos; gas bottles; hardcore, including stone, rubble, clay, tiles, ceramic/porcelain sinks, baths, toilets and construction materials: plasterboard (Dulcote only), soil, tyres and vehicle parts. **There is no charge for the disposal of household waste.**

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email: whitcombetowers
@hotmail.com
• **Tel: 01749 830972**
Mobile: 07835 596323

RECYCLING SERVICES

A weekly kerbside recycling collection service operates in the Evercreech and Stoney Stratton area. Collected items include cardboard, plastic bottles, paper, glass bottles, cans and aluminium foil. Aerosol cans should have any plastic parts removed and not crushed.

Since October 2020 plastic pots, tubs and trays, food and drink cartons, Tetra Paks, and small electrical items such as kettles and toasters can also be left for kerbside collection.

Collection day is Friday. Following a single Bank Holiday, collections will be made on the following day i.e. Saturday.

For further information on the above services please visit www.mendip.gov.uk/waste

You may also use the recycling banks at Commercial Road, Shepton Mallet (Books, DVDs, clothing and shoes only).

Spectacles

Please take unwanted spectacles to an Optician who recycles, e.g. Christopher Young in Shepton Mallet.

Batteries

Kerbside collection for small household batteries.

Most supermarkets and shops also have collection bins for used batteries.

Home Composting

The Somerset Waste Partnership website

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

220 litre and 300 litre bins are available to purchase online, and currently offered at special prices for the first 1,000 Somerset residents or until 31 March 2022 whichever is soonest.

Recycling container location

A Clothes/Textiles/Shoes (in bags please) bank in aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance is in the car park behind the Village Hall.

SOFT PLASTICS

The local Co-op now has a collection point in store for clean, soft plastics like bread bags, fruit and vegetable packaging, salad bags and crisp packets, regardless of where you purchased them.

How to check if it is soft plastic?

If it scrunches and pings back it is a Soft Plastic!

NEW CONTRIBUTORS

Do you run a club or group or provide a service that is not mentioned here? Do you have an event you would like to be included in the EDIS diary? If so contact the EDIS team by **Monday 28 March 2022**. Email – edisinfo1@gmail.com

DORSET & SOMERSET **AIR AMBULANCE**

Registered Charity 1078685
www.dsairambulance.org.uk

About Us: Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is a registered charity, established to provide relief from sickness and injury for the people of Dorset and Somerset, by the provision of an air ambulance. We receive no direct funding from the Government or the National Lottery and rely on the generosity of the public for support. Our operational costs are over £5 million a year and the approximate cost per mission is £3,000.

Since our launch in 2000 we have flown thousands of missions. We are tasked as part of the normal '999' emergency process by a dedicated Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) desk located at Ambulance Control (paid for by the South West Air Ambulance Charities).

Our airbase is situated at Henstridge Airfield on the Dorset/Somerset border. From there we can be at any point in the two counties in less than 20 minutes. More importantly, the helicopter can, if required, then take a patient to the nearest Major Trauma Centre in the South West within a further 20 minutes.

Providing Critical Care: The clinical achievements of our team over the last few months and during the COVID-19 pandemic have been enormous. Our clinical team have faced many challenges but despite this, we are proud that we have continued to deliver pre-hospital critical care for 19 hours per day throughout this period.

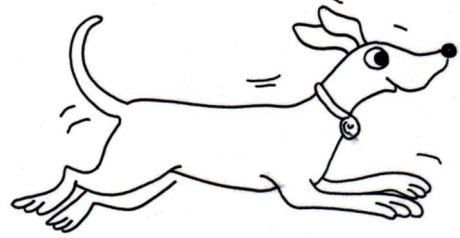
Our cohort of clinicians include a mixture of Senior Emergency Physicians, Intensive Care Consultants and Anaesthetists, Specialist Practitioners in Critical Care. All form part of the air operations crew and, as part of their role, assist the pilot with navigation and operation of some of the aircraft systems. We provide a Critical Care Team, consisting of at least a Doctor and Specialist Practitioner for each mission. The doctors are predominantly drawn from NHS Hospital Trusts across the region and the Practitioners from the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT). More recently, some clinicians have joined us from further afield, broadening the skills and experience of the team.

Pilots: Our aircraft, pilots and maintenance support are provided by Specialist Aviation Services Ltd. The pilots are carefully selected because air ambulance flights are typically more challenging than regular non-emergency flight services. They will have a great deal of experience in low-level operations and instrument flying.

Operational Hours: We operate from 7 am to 2 am daily, using two vital resources which include our AW169 helicopter and Critical Care Car.

Code of Conduct: Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is committed to maintaining the highest standards of fundraising behaviour and adhere to the standards set by the Fundraising Regulator. We are also a member of the Association of Air Ambulances (AAA).

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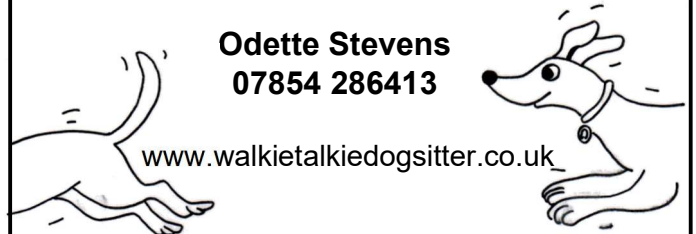
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Canine Design Tel: **830723**

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Friday & Saturday: By appointment only

Co-op Supermarket Tel: **830219**

Every day: 6 am to 10 pm

Post Office (in Evercreech Co-op)

Normally during Co-op opening hours.

(*Shepton Mallet Post Office (in McColls, store closes at 10 pm): Mon – Sun 7.00 am to 9.30 pm.*)

Evercreech Plaice Tel: **830395**

Thurs: 5 pm to 8 pm

Fri: 12.30 to 1.30 pm, 5 pm to 8 pm

Sat: 12.30 to 1.30 pm, 5 pm to 8 pm

Pharmacy Tel: **830267**

Mon – Fri: 9 am to 1 pm, 2 pm to 6 pm

Sat: 9 am to 1 pm

Melita Coiffure Tel: **830536**

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EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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1 Vacancy (currently)

Parish Clerk

Lynn Crisp

c/o Maestone

Enfield Drive

Evercreech

BA4 6LL

The Parish Clerk can be contacted by emailing clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk or by telephone: **01749 830265**.

Evercreech Parish Council is a non-partisan body of 9 elected members and employs a Parish Clerk and a Responsible Financial Officer. As well as the village of Evercreech, the Parish includes the surrounding hamlets of Chesterblade, Southwood and Stoney Stratton.

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall, commencing at 7 pm. Residents are warmly invited to attend. Additionally, there is the Annual Parish Meeting, where community organisations that the council have supported during the year present their annual reviews to the parish. It takes place in April each year and is a less formal event to which all members of the public are welcome.

Website:

www.evercreech-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council website (above) is interactive and provides full details of the Parish Council, its meetings and resources and a picture gallery. The planning section offers the opportunity to link to Mendip District Council Planning to view applications and comment. It has links to Somerset County Council, Mendip District Council and Somerset Waste Partnership websites, where members of the public can report and request action on subjects such as noise, pollution, anti-social behaviour, waste and recycling, roads, pavements and street lighting. In addition, there are links to Evercreech C of E Primary School, Evercreech Surgery and St Peter's Church. The site can be accessed at the above web address.

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 Parliamentary Office: **02072 195229**
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 Email: david.warburton.mp@parliament.uk

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www.somerset.gov.uk

County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY

Phone: **0300 123 2224**

Email: generalenquiries@somerset.gov.uk

Mendip District Council

Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet. BA4 5BT

Contact: **0300 303 8588** www.mendip.gov.uk

- Chair: Helen Sprawson-White
- District Councillor for Creech: Barry O'Leary

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www.somersetconservatives.org.uk/somerton-frome-conservatives

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Treasurer: Peter Bradshaw

office@somersetconservatives.com

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Tel: **01749 830027**

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Email: rossakessell@gmail.com

Treasurer: Barry O'Leary

Tel: **01749 321421**

Email: Evercreech.barry@icloud.com



Alham Vale Benefice

St Peter, Evercreech, St Mary the Virgin, Chesterblade, St James, Milton Clevedon
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe, St Mary & St John, Lamyatt, and St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble.

alhamvalebenefice.co.uk

The *Alham Vale Benefice* is in the **Bruton and Cary Deanery**: www.brutonandcarydeanery.net
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A Prayer For our Benefice

Loving God, as we travel together, we seek inspiration from the River Alham which named us.
We pray that the life-giving water of your Word will flow in our hearts and minds,
that gently but firmly we will be carried along in its current together,
that as the river winds and meanders, we too can change course to overcome the difficulties we face,
and as the river flows onwards beyond our borders, we pray that your blessings will reach out through us
into the communities we serve and beyond. **Amen**

Since the last edition of EDIS we have, mercifully, seen life opening up again. We can meet with family and friends, eat out together, go to the movies and drop by on a neighbour for coffee. All these simple things that we once took for granted, we now know are made up of moments to treasure. In church we have begun to sing once more, and in October, St Peter's welcomed back the choir. Our new choirmaster, Michael Castle, is wonderful and under his kindly lead we were treated to *Who Paints the Sky* by Stuart Townsend and John Rutter's arrangement of *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. You would never have guessed the choir had not sung for over a year, they were amazing. If you would like to join them, do email Michael (mcastlemusic@gmail.com), he would be delighted to hear from you. St Peter's choir is a friendly village choir and singers of all abilities are welcome. And on that musical note, is good to feel the familiar rhythms of life returning, and while the road ahead may have the odd bump, if we practice loving our neighbours as ourselves, our resilient, caring communities have every reason to be hopeful of better days just ahead.

Revd. Helen Drever

ST PETER, EVERCREECH

Churchwardens:

Geoff Hamlet 01749 830924
Eric Deyes 01749 831104

Members of this lively church are active in all areas of village life. The friendly congregation always welcomes newcomers and visitors.



ST MARY & ST JOHN, LAMYATT

Churchwardens:

Freda Gibbons 01749 813477
Ann Skinner 01749 812103

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Chapel Warden:

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Churchwardens:

Sarah Vaughan
Peter Cowling 01749 850110

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ST JAMES, MILTON CLEVEDON

Churchwardens:

Ian Broad 01749 831488
Winkie Fry 01749 831088

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ST MARY MAGDALENE, UPTON NOBLE

Churchwardens:

John Deverell 01749 850688
Alex Faulkner 01749 850172

St Mary Magdalene lies in the centre of the small, scenically attractive, traditional rural village of Upton Noble.



Sunday Services across the *Alham Vale Benefice*

A rota for Sunday services is circulated each month and details of dates and services across the Benefice are shared:

- Each week via the Alham Vale Benefice Facebook page - www.facebook.com/alhamvale
- On church notice boards each month
- In the monthly Evercreech News (see below)
- Via the weekly bulletin for Alham Vale Benefice.

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin, please email alhamvale@hotmail.com



Although we are not currently meeting at St Peter's to say **Morning Prayer**, in our own intercession time we pray for people from across the Benefice who are in need of prayer for whatever reason. Of course, we can only do so if we know who needs prayer. So please feel free to pass names to Revd Helen or another member of the Ministry Team, with as much or as little other information as you wish.



This phone line is available 24 hours a day and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society. There are hymns, reflections, prayers and even a guide to help get a good night's sleep.

Baptisms

Please contact Hilary Foster on **830664**, piccolo6054@yahoo.co.uk

Weddings, Funerals and Calling the Banns

Please contact: Revd. Helen Drever.

Children & Young People

Little Fishes is a small, friendly group that meets in St Peter's Church, Evercreech from 10 am to 12 noon on Monday mornings, term time only. Parents and grandparents chat over a cuppa whilst pre-school children play. Sessions resumed at the beginning of September.

Ministry to the Elderly

If you require, Holy Communion can be taken to your home. Please contact Revd Helen Drever. Services in the Glen have restarted.

St. Peter's Church Flower Rota

The flower rota is once again up and running and we have been enjoying fresh flowers in St Peter's once again. The rota is published each month in the Evercreech News. For more information on flowers at St Peter's please contact Margaret Elliott **830209**, or Hazel Fry **830393**.

Home Discussion Groups

These are held regularly and are announced on the weekly pewsheets. If you would like to know more, contact Anne Sear on **838843** or sear.a@btinternet.com.

Evercreech News

The Parish Magazine covering Evercreech, Chesterblade, Milton Clevedon and Lamyatt.

This monthly magazine is produced for the whole community. It includes information about local events and reports from local societies. It is now available electronically, by post or collected from St Peter's Church.

If you would like to submit updates or articles to the magazine, or to subscribe, please phone **01749 831069**.

Coffee Mornings



After a long break due to Covid, monthly Coffee Mornings in St Peter's Church have resumed! These are held on the second Saturday of the month, from 10 am to 11:30 am. This is a great way to raise money for a charity, organisation or club.

Forthcoming Coffee Mornings:

2021

November Children's Society
December St Peter's Christmas Charities

2022

January Safe Families
February The Show Society
March St Joseph's, Mufulira, Zambia
April TBC
May Mid-Somerset Flower Club

If you would like to book a coffee morning, please contact Michele Hole on **830875** or email holemiche@aol.com.

St Peter's Church – an Inclusive Church

www.inclusive-church.org



St Peter's Church has signed up to the vision of Inclusive Church: which says, *"We believe in inclusive Church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it discriminates against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality ... We believe in a Church which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God."* Our goal is to offer a radical welcome to all, but we are aware that we are on a journey. Please tell us if we make mistakes, so we know how we still need to improve.

St Peter's Church Fabric Fund

St Peter's is a magnificent Grade I listed church, of which Evercreech is very proud. As such there are always things that need doing to maintain and enhance our church. St Peter's is very grateful to everyone in the village and surrounding area who generously support the church. You may not be a church goer, but all can value the presence of a beautiful church in the village, which is there for everyone.

If you would like to make a donation towards the fabric of St Peter's Church, please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked 'St Peter's Fabric Fund' then you can be sure your donation is put into the ring-fenced fabric fund, rather than used for day to day running expenses. Your donation can be given to the Churchwardens, put in the wall safe by the font or sent to our Treasurer: Rob Sage, Portway Farm, Batcombe, Shepton Mallet BA4 6BR. (Cheques payable to Evercreech PCC please). To donate online go to:

www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersevercreech/ and use the donation button – just add a note to your donation if you wish it to go to the Fabric Fund.

Music

St. Peter's Church Choir welcomes keen singers!

The news is out ... St. Peter's Church Choir is up and running again! The Choirmaster is Michael Castle, who has directed choirs in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire for over thirty years and moved to Evercreech in 2018 when appointed Director of Music (now Performing Arts) at All Hallows School. He warmly invites keen singers of all ranges to join the Church Choir to sing at monthly services and regular concerts, with music both sacred and secular. For more details, please email Michael: mcastlemusic@gmail.com.

Pete's Fruit'n'Veg

Pete's Fruit'n'Veg is named for St Peter's Church. There is now a barrow which is usually outside the church door in the summer and autumn months. You are welcome to help yourself to the produce offered, brought by people with plenty of fruit and/or vegetables in their gardens. Pete's Fruit'n'Veg is for the whole community - you do not have to bring something to swap. If you know someone struggling to feed themselves in these times of austerity, please encourage them to see what is available free at Pete's Fruit'n'Veg.

Bells

St Peter's has a famous ring of 10 bells. Thanks to the generosity of many people the bells were extensively refurbished in 2015/16. The single service bell has been calling villagers to worship since before the Reformation and is still chimed for morning prayer and funerals. More details on the bells at St Peter's can be found at www.bath-wells.org/towerselect.php?DoveID=EVERCREECH.

For more information on the Evercreech Bells or clock contact John Dunford:

01749 830672 or evercreech@bath-wells.org

Hamish's Patch

The PCC named this to honour the memory of Hamish, who provided much of the inspiration for the conservation and biodiversity area in the corner of the churchyard. Inside St Peter's church is a folder containing factsheets, written by Hamish about wildflowers found there. We leave the flowers to grow and only mow once the seed has set, in July or August. This encourages a range of wildflowers to flourish. Our habitat piles provide a home for small mammals and invertebrates, so helping to maintain a food supply for birds, for whom there are nesting boxes.

St Joseph's, Mufulira

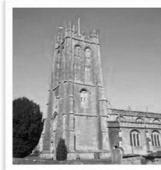
St Peter's is linked with St Joseph's church, Kamuchanga Parish, Mufulira in Zambia's Copperbelt. St Joseph's serves a township where there is a lot of poverty, but vibrant faith. Our link is part of the Bath and Wells diocesan partnership with the Anglican Dioceses in Zambia, now over 40 years old. Many schools also have links with Zambia, and Evercreech Primary School is linked with Kamuchanga Primary School. The main focus of our link is to learn from each other and to pray for each other.

We are increasingly sending messages and photos via WhatsApp, and also communicate by email and text message. We send some financial support to St Joseph's, which they have used in the past to help with church building projects, including the toilet block, an important facility in an area where many houses do not have running water.

Covid restrictions have affected worship and community life at St Joseph's, but at the time of writing they are thankful that they have not lost any of their church community to the pandemic.

We have welcomed visitors from St Joseph's, most recently Joseph Mwenya, a young man who in 2018/19 spent "A Year in God's Time" as a member of the Community of St Anselm at Lambeth Palace. He is now training to be ordained as a priest at the Anglican seminary in Kitwe, Zambia.

Anne Sear



Calling all keen singers...

- **St. Peter's Church Choir is singing together again!**
- **Every Wednesday from 7.30pm in the Church**
- **For more details contact Michael Castle, the new Choirmaster, on mcastlemusic@gmail.com**



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St Michael's is part of the 'Community of Our Lady of Glastonbury' at present comprising two priests serving four parishes: Shepton Mallet, Glastonbury, Wells and Cheddar. They live in Glastonbury following the rule of St Benedict.

Parish Priests: Fr Bede Rowe and Fr Anselm Redman,
St Mary's Presbytery,
Magdalene St,
Glastonbury, BA6 9EJ
Tel: **01458 835931** (Admin Office)

In case of emergency, please call : Fr Bede or Fr Anselm at Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury on **01458 832203**

During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Covid restrictions are lifting and the Bishops Conference of England and Wales have ruled that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will resume on the first Sunday of Advent, i.e. 28th November 2021.

Sunday Mass: Sunday 9am

Weekday Mass: 10am on Tuesday

Rosary with the Legion of Mary in church on Fridays 10am.

Confessions: before Mass or on request.

At the time of going to press the Christmas services are yet to be announced. All times are subject to change. The weekly bulletin with up to date information is posted on the website and at the entrance to the Parish Room behind the church.

Parish Room St Michael's has a pleasant, light and airy meeting room behind the church in Shepton Mallet which has recently been fully refurbished. It is now available for bookings; for more information please telephone Jacky on 01749 830695 or write to the parish email address given above.

Parking St Michael's has a car park in front of the church in Park Road. There are 14 numbered spaces which are let out to private individuals who use them during the week. Spaces are currently fully booked but enquiries about a waiting list may be made to the parish email address above. We must remind visitors to St Michael's not to park in the numbered spaces Monday to Saturday.

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EVERCREECH RELIEF IN NEED

Charity Commission Registered number 205527

The trustees of Evercreech Relief in Need are able to make modest grants to help people in the village. If you, or anyone you know, gets into financial difficulty during or after the current Corona (Covid-19) virus emergency, anyone living in the parish of Evercreech is most welcome to apply, as shown below, for help.

We will try to help quickly where needed but the overall sum we can give is limited and we may need to delay some grants until we see the total amount of help requested so that we can allocate the money available as fairly as possible.

All applications are considered in the strictest confidence by the trustees.

The current trustees are:

Vicar and Churchwardens of St Peter's Evercreech:
Parish Council Nominees: David Lindsay,
Mollie Purse,
Edward Porter &
Roy Williams.

Applications for assistance should be sent by letter or email please to:

The Chairman: Dr. David Lindsay, Southwell House,
Shapway Lane, Evercreech BA4 6JS
dlandgl@btinternet.com

or to The Clerk: Michèle Hole, Bowns View,
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Saturday	12.30 - 1.30	5.00 - 8.00 pm

Thank you for your continued support

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A Voluntary Society of The Church of England and The Church of Wales



The Children's Society is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. The charity supports these young people through their most serious life challenges and campaigns for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most.

The Society concentrates on young people aged 10 - 18 who face the greatest danger, discrimination or disadvantage in their daily lives; children who sleep rough on the streets, children who flee conflict abroad and arrive alone in this country, children caught in a cycle of crime or children isolated by disability. It gives these young people hope by providing direct help and support.

As well as supporting change at an individual level through its direct programmes of work, the Society aims to effect systemic change by influencing legislation and government practice, and to effect a positive shift in public attitudes towards children and young people.

Over the years Evercreech has generously supported the work of The Society through different fundraising events including collection boxes, coffee mornings, sale of Christmas cards and Christingle services. Despite the problems of 2020, the total raised was a splendid £486.84.

The Society helps and protects young people in many ways, too many to list here, but you can see the work it does on their website www.childrenssociety.org.uk

If you would like a collection box to help the work of the Children's Society, we would love to hear from you. Please contact: Janet Rundle **01749 830800** or email: old-saddlery@talk21.com

SHEPTON MALLET CARNIVAL

sheptonmalletcarnival.org.uk

The next date is 16 November 2022. Visit the website for more information.



GARTONS MEAD

At present there is a reduced timetable of events:

Every Tuesday - Coffee Morning 10.30 am
Every Thursday - Bingo 6.00 pm

For further information on these and various other activities please contact Frank Brown on **01749 830634**

THE OLD STORES STUDIO

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The Old Stores Studio is a unique **ART STUDIO AND VENUE** based in a beautiful red brick, Victorian shop - formerly The Old Co-op - opposite St Peter's Church in the heart of Evercreech.

Our main aim is to encourage **INCLUSIVE ART, CRAFT AND CREATIVE LEARNING** and participation and support artists and makers to share their creativity, skills and knowledge through regular groups, workshops, courses and events.

We are a non-profit **Community Interest Company** and deliver an inclusive, subsidised programme of seasonal creative activities, projects & events throughout the year, including Evercreech Jack in the Green in May and a Christmas Community Event in December. We are a registered learning centre and follow up-to-date guidelines for educational settings to keep everyone safe during our artist and maker led sessions.

We are supported by SS&L, Somerset Community Foundation and The National Lottery to offer **CREATIVE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS** as well as a weekly:

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Art and Craft Group

and **Woolly Wednesday**, a textiles craft group.

Our groups are held in term time for all ages and abilities, low cost or **FREE** and everyone is welcome.

Our up and coming **PROGRAMME** is listed on the chalkboard in our window or see our social media and website for further details and to book. We hope to see you soon!

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Forthcoming meetings:

9 November - Home spun Christmas Crafts

14 December - Christmas Party

11 January - Games evening

8 February - Valentine's Day preparation: card making & history

8 March - Air Dry Clay

Visitors are always welcome; please contact us beforehand to check for any restrictions.

For more information please contact:

President Maxine Clinton **01749 838911** or

Secretary Helen Jenkins **01749 831268** (evenings) or email: helen.j.jenkins@btinternet.com

MID-SOMERSET FLOWER CLUB

We meet in Evercreech Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm with the exception of January, a Practice Meeting in April. June an Open Evening, July/August usually a visit to a garden or Flower Festival.

Members subscriptions for 2022, due in November, £30 and £6 for visitors.

If you love flowers and enjoy arranging them or you would like to learn more about arranging, we would be pleased to see you at a meeting. We have a NAFAS demonstrator or a Speaker at our meetings so come along, sit back, relax and enjoy watching the demonstrator and maybe you will win one of their arrangements in the raffle. We are a friendly club and welcome you to come and join us. Tea and homemade cake are served at the end of the afternoon.

Events planned for 2022

9 February	Ellie North	Demonstrator
9 March	Kathryn Delve	Demonstrator
13 April	Pang Adams	Practice Meeting (Leaf manipulation)
11 May	To be confirmed	
10 June	Coral Gardiner	National Demonstrator
FRIDAY	6.30 for 7.15 pm	OPEN EVENING

EVERCREECH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Evercreech Allotments are located at Weston Town Playing Fields and we currently have 31 large and small plots. Members' experience ranges from fifty years plus to absolute beginners and all are welcome. We grow everything from potatoes and onions to artichokes and cut flowers. The allotments benefit from their own water supply. We have full, half and quarter plots available.

For more information, please contact:

Bron Cooper, Chairman – **01749 830653**

Caroline Honner, Secretary – **07949 361595**

CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Various Christmas events are being organised this year. Please note that event organisers may need to make changes if appropriate, so keep a look out for posters around the village and updates on Facebook.

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 20 November from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Christmas Tree

The lights will be turned on at

6 pm on Saturday 27 November. There will be carols around the tree, with mince pies and mulled wine provided by St Peter's afterwards.



Nativity

There will be a Community Nativity Story Telling and Walk event on **Sunday 12 December**. More details to follow from the Evercreech Drama Group - watch out for posters and Facebook updates.

Carol Services



St Peter's Carol service:

Sunday 19 December 6 pm

Chesterblade carol service: date to be arranged.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, Friday 24 December:

- **5 pm** Crib Service, St Peter's
- **11:15 pm** Midnight Communion Service, St Peter's

Christmas Day, Saturday 25 December:

- **8:00 am** Communion Service
St Mary's, Chesterblade
- **9:30 am** Family Communion Service, St Peter's
- **11 am** Christmas Communion Service
St James' Milton Clevedon

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We would welcome new committee members or event organisers, to expand our small team.

Schedules will be available at our Plant sale on **Saturday 30 April (tbc) 2022** and in various locations round the village,
from Committee Members and at:
evercreechshowsociety.wordpress.com

Everyone in the village and further away is welcome to take part in the show:-

- Enter your produce, baking, arts and crafts
- Become a Member or Patron of the Show
- Help at the Show or with fundraising during the year
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Future Events

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 20 November 2021
9.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Village Hall

AGM and SOCIAL EVENING

Thursday 2 December 2021
7.30 pm at the Bell Inn

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 12 February 2022
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EVERCREECH FRIENDSHIP CLUB

"Where friends are made"



First, we wish everyone well and safe in these difficult times. Socialising has been difficult and unfortunately since March 2020 we have been unable to hold our Friendship Club meetings. With the current and ongoing situation, the committee and

members have agreed that we should suspend club meeting until further notice

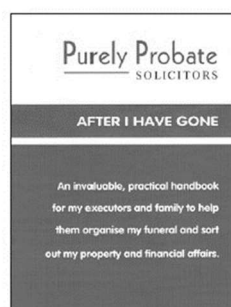
Fortunately, all speakers and presenters we have previously booked, are willing to return when we can resume our meetings again. In the meantime, please take care as we want to see you all back again. When we do recommence meetings, all members will be informed in advance, and a programme of events will be published. So, until we meet again, we hope sooner than later, take care and KEEP SAFE !!

If you would like more information, please contact:

Chairman Edward Porter on **830015**,
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(RBL)**
Evercreech Branch



This year Remembrance Sunday is **14 November**. There will be a traditional church service starting at **10.45 am** and to include the **two minutes silence at 11 am**.

After the service the poppy wreaths, carried by representatives of village organisations, will be carried to the village cemetery to be laid around the War Memorial.

After the service is over there will be a lunch at The Bell for members of the Royal British Legion, and anyone else who would like to support the aims of the Legion's work to support retired and injured ex-servicemen and their families.

For further information please contact the Branch Treasurer: David Lindsay:

Tel: **830640** or email: dlandgl@btinternet.com

Support available:

Royal British Legion - call **0808 802 8080** or email: www.Britishlegion.org.uk/get-support

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or go to www.nhs.uk/mental-health

With the COVID restrictions beginning to ease, we are looking to the future and are planning activities and fundraising events. We welcome new members and supporters to our small and friendly branch and you do not need to have served in the Armed Forces to join. If you would like more information on joining us or want to support the RBL, please contact any of the following:

Committee:

President - Colin Davis: **831075**

Chairman / Standard Bearer - Richard Stevens: **838805**

Treasurer - David Lindsay: **830640**

EVERCREECH WALKING GROUP

Phone: **01935 823347/07790 853257**

Email: julie@gethappyfeet.co.uk

Thankfully life is slowly getting back to some normality. After many months of not walking together as a group we are now walking every month and fingers crossed it will continue. We resumed our walks in June to Chesterblade, Higher Alham and back via Westcombe. Everyone enjoyed catching up and chatting whilst walking together. We have had very good attendance during the summer months and good weather too. There have been a couple of walks where we have had to battle with overgrown vegetation and had to clear many stiles before they were passable. I'd like to say a huge thanks to Di who has helped me clear the stiles and paths.

1 November - Julie leading - Walk to Creech Hill and Lamyatt.

6 December - Julie leading - Christmas walk with pub lunch, walk and venue to be decided.

2022

3 January - Di leading - Circular walk to Batcombe.

7 February - Heather & Teresa leading.

7 March - Jo & Mary leading - Walk from Fir Tree Farm, Galhampton Road.

4 April - Julie leading - Southwood Common, Lamyatt & Milton Clevedon.

All walks start from the Village Hall at 10 am on the first Monday of each month and everyone is welcome to join us. This time of year it is worth being prepared for the weather so it is advisable to wear walking boots if you have them and bring wet weather gear too.

Walks usually last about 3 hours, sometimes a little longer depending on the route we take, or if we find a coffee stop.

Thank you to everyone who has joined me on the walks, I hope you will continue to support the group. New walkers are always welcome. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Phone: **07790853257** or **01935823347**, or email: julie@gethappyfeet.co.uk

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Castle Cary – Tessa Gayford **01963 350132**

Nunney – Contact Roger Hutchings **01373 836049**

EVERCREECH F • I • L • M • S

Evercreech Films is a not-for-profit organisation that, in "normal" times, brings cinema to the Village Hall on the third Saturday of each month, barring busy holiday periods. From comedies and gangster movies to blockbusters - there's something for everyone.

In the past we have shown children's films to coincide with Easter, Halloween & Christmas where the children have sat on our soft floor mats and enjoyed sweets and other refreshments while watching a movie.

For adults we have cabaret-style seating with refreshments available to buy at the bar/cafe, all of which make for a comfortable and enjoyable evening out.

And last year has seen a superb upgrade to the Hall's sound system to add to the overall cinema experience right here on your doorstep. Tickets are usually £5.00 for adults and £3.50 for children aged 12 and under, with family concessions available.

Like most other organisations and enterprises, we had to put a hold on our activities in 2020/21. We are unable to commit to future viewing dates while the pandemic continues to hold sway. We plan to resume screenings as soon as we feel it is safe and worthwhile to do so. Please therefore keep an eye out for our posters around the village and check out our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/evercreechfilms) for updates.

For further information, or with any film suggestions, please either email us at evercreechfilms@gmail.com or call us on 07765 892004.



Will be showing the following films 2021/22

Friday 5 November – BAIT

Friday 19 November – JUST MERCY

Friday 10 December – THE DIVINE ORDER

Friday 14 January – MINARI

Friday 4 February – LIMBO

Friday 18 February – THE FATHER

Friday 18 March – FACES PLACES

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Evercreech Drama Group is in full production mode once more. The planned Community Nativity Story Telling and Walk event will be held on Sunday 12 December. Save the date and join us to catch up with old acquaintances and meet new friends

along the route. Our writing competition is well under way, and we look forward to reading and selecting the winning entry. Please look out for posters, flyers and social media for further up-dates.

The Drama Group has been entertaining audiences since 1991, when Mollie Purse MBE was inspired to form the group initially to help boost much needed funds for the up-keep of the Village Hall. To this day we are a band of like-minded people who enjoy amateur dramatics, being on stage and performing, behind the scenes, making costumes, set design, or simply being part of a friendly group of people.

The Committee are excited to finally be able to start planning a production for 2022. As ever we welcome new talent to the group, so if you have a desire to tread the boards, blast out the tunes, pull curtains, direct, produce, act, sew, paint or help out, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in participating in the Drama Group or would like to be updated with our activities, please send us your details: email evercreechdrg@gmail.com or phone Greg Jessop on 01749 831122.

The Drama Group's **costumes are for hire** for any occasion. There is a charge of £10 and a refundable deposit of £10 per costume. Telephone Greg Jessop or email as above for further information and to arrange hire. For further details and activities join us on Facebook, or email with your details so we can keep in regular contact with you.

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www.cats.org.uk/glastonbury
lostandfound@glastonbury.cats.org.uk

Cats Protection is a National Cat Rescue and Welfare Charity, taking in **lost** and **unwanted** cats, finding **new** homes for

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The Glastonbury & Wells Branch of Cats Protection covers a largely rural part of **Somerset** including **Shepton Mallet, Wells, Glastonbury, Street, Cheddar, Castle Cary** and surrounding area. There are always friendly cats needing new homes. As there is no central cattery, all cats are kept at the homes of volunteer fosterers.

Contact Number - **01749 850660**

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WILF'S WOOD



If you don't already know about Wilf's Wood, it's a tree planting / rewilding project on 14 acres of land on Leighton Lane in Evercreech, near the industrial estate. Since October we have been planting trees and encouraging local people to be involved. The aim of the project is to eventually create a natural community space for use and enjoyment by everyone in the village.

Alongside this we want to provide a biodiverse environment including wetlands and woodlands for carbon capture. At the beginning of March, we planted 300 trees that were donated by the Explorer Scouts from the Woodland Trust. We had already planted 200 trees in the winter (many donated by villagers).

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- Aid in the recruitment and retention of high-quality staff.

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Norma Anselm



EVERCREECH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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01749 831338

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We continue to look forward to the opportunities and challenges which lie ahead with confidence, and in the justifiable belief that Evercreech Church of England Primary School is providing a good quality education for all pupils.

It is our intention to maintain this growth through working together. Greater links with the local community and St. Peter's Church have demonstrated our belief in, and commitment to, the cohesion of our community.

To read the weekly School Newsletter go to: www.fossefederation.co.uk

**ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS
AND TEACHERS (APT)**
**EVERCREECH CHURCH OF
ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**



We are a friendly bunch of parents, staff members and friends of the school and preschool who organise social events to help raise crucial funds for projects which are not included in the school's budget.

Our main events held each year include the Summer and Christmas Fayres, Film Nights, School Discos and Easter Bingo. Apart from the fun of these events for both pupils and their families, the money raised helps to pay for class trips, equipment, books and treats, such as a whole school Christmas lunch and a present from Father Christmas.

The last year has been very different for us all and has meant that we haven't been able to fundraise in the usual way. With things gradually returning to 'normal', we hope to be able to raise money for the school again. At the time of writing, we plan to help fund a building to house the library furniture and books - these have a temporary home at the moment, due to the library being used as a classroom since class bubbles were introduced during COVID. We all know the importance of reading, and ensuring that the children have a quiet space to read is high on our list of priorities.

APT meetings are held roughly twice a term, mostly in the evenings at The Bell Inn. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings and you do not have to join the committee if you do not want to. Any help and input you can give is always very much appreciated in benefitting the school and our children.

We're always looking for volunteers for an hour (or two) to help at APT events. Any time you might be able to spare would be much appreciated!

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The wide range of groups meet in various places. The monthly meeting is on the last Friday of each month, at 2.30 pm, at Caryford Hall, Ansford, Castle Cary.

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- Unlocking potential and securing futures
- Laying the foundations for lifelong learning
- Forming and maintaining quality relationships

We take seriously the responsibilities of working together as a community, striving for excellence in all we do and ensuring that all of us are valued for who we are and who we can become. Through high academic and personal expectations, we inspire our students to enjoy their time here and ensure that they leave fully prepared for the next phase of their lives.

SECONDARY EDUCATION is also provided at **Whitstone School, Shepton Mallet** for 11 to 16 years, **Sexey's School, Bruton** for 11 to 18 years. **The Blue School, Wells** for 11 to 18 years,

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SHEPTON MALLET UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A)

www.sheptonmalletu3aorg.uk



Shepton Mallet U3A is part of a nationwide movement of local groups open to those of retirement age and no longer in full time employment. Please check the website for details of groups and any COVID restrictions.

EVERCREECH & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

www.evercreechhistorysociety.org.uk

Our winter programme is under way now that we have been able to welcome everyone back to our talks. All meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There is no meeting in December. Everyone is very welcome for a small charge of £3.

Tuesday 16 November

Village Archives

We will look at the extensive village archives. Come and see the records we hold and the catalogue that is now available world-wide on the National Archives Discovery Site.

Tuesday 18 January 2022

Local Roads

An illustrated talk on local roads by Richard Raynsford a founder member of the society and an excellent photographer.

Tuesday 15 February

Farming in the early 20th Century

Chris King will tell us about farmer Annie Naish and her photographs of farming in the early twentieth century.

Tuesday 15 March

AGM – and Mystery Objects

Members are asked to bring mystery objects which we hope to identify after a short AGM.

Tuesday 19 April

The Small Somerset Farm

Artist Kate Lynch will show us the artwork for her latest book: The Small Somerset Farm.

Tuesday 17 May

Friendly Societies

A talk by Mr Phillip Hoyland on Friendly Societies – an early form of insurance, in the days before the welfare state.

Please remember to look at our website (above) to browse the gallery of photographs, see what books we have for sale and check on the programme.

Val Bath, Secretary

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THE ARTS SOCIETY - MENDIP

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Membership Secretary - 01934 862435



The Arts Society Mendip is interested in and enjoys the arts in its broadest definition. Our Society is affiliated to the national organisation now known simply as The Arts Society. Our objective, through lectures and visits, is to add to our knowledge and enjoyment of the visual arts. We also look for a project each year to help a school or institution, with the aim of introducing either a new form of art or a new experience of art appreciation. Days of Special Interest, consisting of consecutive lectures on a topic over a single day, have restarted as from 14 October. Membership also provides access to the national and regional lecture programmes and a quarterly magazine.

Much has changed since I last described the Society in this publication. We have resumed live lectures as from September, although we have again moved the venue. We now meet at Croscombe Village Hall. This is in part because of the change in Society Membership in reaction to the pandemic, and we have decided to run the live lecture also on the Zoom application. This is to cater for members who do not yet feel the time is right to gather indoors in large numbers. The Zoom meetings have been very successful for those who are competent with a computer or tablet and it does open our membership to those who are less able to travel. As before, the lectures are given on the first Tuesday of the month at 11.00am between September and June. Our lecturers are experts, chosen not only for their knowledge, but also for their presentational skills and entertainment value. They speak on a huge variety of topics: architecture, artists and designers, china, glass, painting, music, furniture, sculpture, jewellery and much more, covering prehistory to modern times. The full programme can be found on the website above. If you wish to join us for a lecture (or more!) send an email, or contact our Membership Secretary. For a guest subscription you will be sent the link to join us.

Why not take the time to have a tour of our website and perhaps we'll see you at one of our meetings or on Zoom.

THE ARTS SOCIETY – MID-SOMERSET

W - theartsocietymidsomerset.org.uk/

E - midsomerset@theartsociety.org

The Arts Society Mid-Somerset, founded in 1991, is a member society of The Arts Society (originally the National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies - NADFAS).

Lectures are held in Caryford Hall, Ansford, Castle Cary normally on the third Tuesday of the month, except for August and September when there are no lectures. There is extensive free parking at this attractive modern hall which has a 'hearing loop'.

The Tuesday morning lectures, given by professional speakers, are our core activity for the year. There are also visits throughout the year to exhibitions, museums, art galleries, country houses and gardens. The Society is a very friendly group of people who enjoy sharing the same interests.

Please see website above for times and titles of lectures.



Carymoor
Environmental Trust

www.carymoor.org.uk

Carymoor Environmental Trust is an independent environmental education charity based just outside Castle Cary. Established in 1996 the charity encourages people to adopt more sustainable lifestyles. The charity operates from an inspiring visitor centre which demonstrates a number of sustainable technologies including solar panels, solar hot water, composting toilets and rainwater harvesting.

Carymoor is partly sponsored by Viridor, the waste and recycling company, on whose site the charity operates. In addition to this sponsorship, other funding and donations are essential to keeping the project running. The Trust manages 100 acres of a capped landfill site which the Charity has been working to restore into a nature reserve since 1996. Carymoor has worked with a number of universities, colleges and conservation partners to develop a rich patchwork of habitats on the site. The site was designated a Local Wildlife Site in 2014 and regained the Biodiversity Benchmark award in 2020.

Over 100 schools from all over Somerset, as well as from the wider region, visit the site each year to take part in a range of activities. The education team inspires visiting schools to reduce waste, save energy and to take these messages back into school. Carymoor also uses the different habitats it has created to give children a first-hand experience of the natural world. In addition to providing education at the site, the team also goes out to schools and delivers curriculum linked workshops in the classroom. To find out more about Carymoor's education please visit:

www.carymoor.org.uk/trips

The charity very much depends on the volunteers for all aspects of its work. Volunteers carry out much of the practical conservation work on the site as well as assisting with education delivery, wildlife monitoring, marketing and fundraising. Carymoor regularly runs family fun activity days during the school holidays and other events and courses.

For further information please phone: **01963 350143** or e-mail: info@carymoor.org.uk. If you'd like to get involved, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

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LITTLE FISHES

This is a small friendly group that normally meets, during term time in St Peters Church on Monday mornings, 10.00 am – 12 noon. Parents and grandparents chat over a cuppa whilst pre-school children play.

EVERCREECH YOUTH CLUB

This is a lively and active organisation for young people aged 8 to 11 and 12 to 16. It's currently closed and plans for re-opening are under review. When we're ready to re-open there will be updates on Facebook and posters across the village

CASTLE CARY CHOIR

www.castlecarychoir.org



Following 16 months of enforced Zoom sessions with the Castle Cary Choir, we are once again back to live rehearsals and looking

forward to returning to concert performances. Our first post-lockdown concert promises to be something special.

We have two Christmas concerts planned:

The first on **Friday 10 December at 7.30 pm** St Martin's Church at Kingsbury Episcopi.

On **17 December** we are singing at Castle Cary Methodist Church. Watch out for the publicity posters and flyers!

If your organisation would like us to come and sing, we would love to hear from you. Do contact our Secretary on the number below.

If your usual choir has not been able to rehearse during the pandemic and you would like to join us check out www.castlecarychoir.org or contact our Secretary: John Roberts **07970 039007**.

EVERCREECH FOODSAVING PROJECT

The Evercreech Foodsaving Project is an environmentally-based village group which saves good food from being thrown away, and shares it out among people who can use it. We are supported by Evercreech Village Hall. Every night volunteers collect unsold food around 8 pm from the Co-op, divide it into bags and then deliver it to households in the village.

It's on its best-before or use-by date on the day we deliver, but can still be used or frozen – and saved! Food sometimes also comes from people with a glut in their gardens, and other sources.

Everyone is welcome to be involved by using up a bag of food (which may contain bakery or deli items, fruit or vegetables, meat or other items). Please contact Jenny to be added to the delivery rota (via our local councillor Barry O'Leary on **01749 321 421**).

We also need new volunteers to help deliver, and for an admin rota - in fact we can't do it without you! If you can spare an hour in the evening once a week, or occasionally as a back-up volunteer, or half an hour each day to help keep the rota organised from home, then please do get in touch via the above number and I'll call you back.

Thank you!

Jenny

EVERCREECH EXPLORERS

For 13 ½ - 18 year olds

www.facebook.com/evercreechexplorerscouts

www.eastsomersetscouts.org.uk

If you are interested in joining us please email:

gunnerexplore@gmail.com or sign up at:

tinyurl.com/vj3roqs

You could trek across the highlands, build a go kart, sleep in a hammock, take part in international and national camps, DofE and the Young Leaders scheme; all whilst having a great laugh with your mates and making a difference to your community. The limit is only your imagination.

Time: **Thursdays 7.30 – 9.30 pm** during term time

Evercreech Explorers are currently on the lookout for leaders aged 18+ who are interested in helping support and develop our young people. No amount of time is too small, and we have flexible volunteering to suit you! Help make a difference to the lives of young people by giving them skills for life. Please contact Natalie if you are interested.

Interested in Guides, Brownies, Scout or Cub groups?

Please contact the group lead for an update on arrangements responding to Covid-19 restrictions.

SCOUTS

Up to age 14 years

The nearest Scout groups for Evercreech are Bruton and Shepton Mallet.

CUBS

From age 8 years

Group in Shepton Mallet.

BEAVERS

From age 6 years

Groups in Bruton and Shepton Mallet that are both welcoming new members

For **3rd Bruton**, contact Tim Wilson on **07889 285358**.

Or register your interest at: tinyurl.com/3szbfftj

For **1st Shepton Mallet** contact Julie-Anne at gsl.smsg@gmail.com.

More information about Scouting in East Somerset can be found at www.eastsomersetscouts.org.uk.

Natalie Ashford Gunner

SHEPTON MALLET RAINBOWS

For girls aged 5-7 years

Contact Sue Barnstaple on **01749 880443**

Please do leave a message

1st EVERCREECH RAINBOWS

5.30 - 6.30 pm Thursdays at Evercreech Primary School

Contact Nicola Barnham **07811 145781**

1st SHEPTON MALLET GUIDES

For girls aged 10-14 years

Thursdays 7.15 - 8.45pm

Contact Emma Stevens on **01749 880443**

Please leave a message

1st SHEPTON MALLET BROWNIES

For girls aged 7-10 years

Monday evenings.

Contact Sandra White on **07703 344057**

SOMERSET BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

News from the world of beekeeping
www.somersetbeekeepers.org.uk



Honey bees are not the only pollinators

Beekeeping has flourished in recent years, particularly in Britain's cities, and there is growing concern from scientists and experienced beekeepers that the vast numbers of honeybees, combined with a lack of pollinator-friendly places, could be jeopardising the health of some 6,000 wild pollinators across the UK.

Scientists at Kew Gardens have produced a report: State of the World's Plant and Fungi. One aim has been to assess the amount of plant life (forage) in a typical urban setting and how many beehives that could reasonably be expected to support. They estimated that a square kilometre of urban landscape in the UK could support seven-and-a-half hives. In some places in London there are over 50.

Planting for Pollinators

There is often a shortage of pollen and nectar producing plants flowering in June, leading to what is termed The June Gap for pollinating insects. The Royal Horticultural Society provides a list of year-round flowering Plants for Pollinators, which can be found at rhs.org.uk

If you want to plant to help fill the hungry month of June then think of **thyme, coriander and borage** for your herb garden, plus **geranium, veronica, helenium, nepeta and centaurea** for your flowering borders. If you have a spare piece of ground then phacelia, from the borage family, often grown as green manure, has nitrogen-fixing properties as well as pretty blue flowers.

The Bees Madrigal

Bees don't just buzz. Honey bee queens make piping and quacking sounds during certain periods of their development in the colony. The sound is said to be a G-sharp or A-flat and occurs for about one second followed by a string of quarter-second pulses.

400 years ago, Rev Charles Butler, Rector of Wootton St Lawrence and a pioneer in English beekeeping, wrote a musical score based on the sounds that queen bees made in the hive. This has been newly-adapted by an Australian artist to feature female voices recreating the piping sounds and is currently to be heard in the Talbot Rice Gallery at Edinburgh University.

Asian Hornet Week 6 - 10 September 2021

Asian Hornet week would be a great opportunity to raise awareness of this threat to the honey bee. There were stands at the honey shows at the Mid-Somerset Show and the Royal Bath and West Country Festival, as well as many other events held by beekeepers across the county. To find out more and to report sightings, download the Asian Hornet Watch app.

Maggie Norris

READERS!

If you contact a local business or service after seeing it in EDIS, please let them know. It helps them to know their advert has been effective and in turn helps us to keep producing this publication free to local people.

PROJECT LINUS UK

Providing security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and young adults through quilts.

" A quilt is a hug you can keep"

Project Linus originated in America providing blankets to a children's cancer centre in Denver. It has since spread across the world. It was named after the little boy in Charles Schultz's "Peanuts" cartoon strip who was always featured carrying his security blanket.

It started in the UK in March 2000. For Project Linus the UK is divided into county areas, each with its own co-ordinator, who examines each finished quilt and distributes to hospitals, child and neo-natal units, hospices, and many other centres. Linda McGregor is the Bath and Wells co-ordinator, and I am the co-ordinator for the rest of Somerset.

A local group of Linus quilters meet on the second Thursday of each month, from 10 am to 1 pm, at The Old Stores Studio, opposite St Peter's Church, Evercreech. We all contribute £4 towards the cost and can buy tea coffee and amazing cakes at the Studio.

We welcome new and experienced quilters, machine quilters, hand quilters, makers of crochet and knitted blankets. We have a lot of donated fabric, so it need not be an expensive hobby. We have a lovely relationship with the charity 'Pyjama Fairies'. They make surgical gowns and pyjamas for children in hospital with long term conditions, they use children-themed fabric and we get all the scraps that are left! If you are free, pop in to meet us and enjoy a coffee and biscuit with this very friendly group.

We raised nearly £200 at the Evercreech Show in September and will have a presence at the Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall.

Since I was appointed co-ordinator in August I have delivered 162 quilts and blankets for ill and vulnerable children. These have been made by our local quilters and others in the county. It's been a delight to deliver to the premature baby units in Yeovil and Taunton hospital and other agencies. These have included, Riding for the Disabled, Ups and Downs, Brainwave, Safe Families, Young Carers and Hidden Needs Trust. Next week for the first time since lockdown I can deliver again to the children's wards at Yeovil and Taunton hospitals.

This post should contain a health warning, quilting is addictive and your home will never be free of cotton threads.

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Bookings Sec: Shaun Herlock 01749 830712

HAVE YOU visited the area lately? It's a community area and **all are welcome**. The area is already being used by sports clubs, charity functions and other organisations.

Clubs

Football, Rounders, Rugby - Come down and join or watch!

Covid-19

Yes, we have a problem like everyone else but teams are still playing under their own Covid restrictions. Keeping sport going is vital but always with Health & Safety in mind.

Finances are always tight

If anyone has any ideas how to improve our financial status, please contact us, join the group or even offer to sponsor.

We are always looking for new members with bright ideas to help run the club.

New people will bring fresh ideas and take the club forward - in particular people who *have recently joined the village are welcome* - come on...help us to create an area for the whole village.

If there is any other activity/function organiser that would like to check the facilities, please contact the persons below.

The fields and pavilion are available for hire. Ideal for all occasions!

Remember, bookings through Shaun Herlock.

Dave Briars, Chair

September 2021

EVERCREECH ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Evercreech Rovers run an adult football club in the Mid Somerset Football League playing on Saturday afternoons. We train on Thursday evenings on the astro in Shepton Mallet. All newcomers welcome.

Contact Ben Rivers 07730 878711

DITCHEAT BADMINTON CLUB

**CALLING ALL
BADMINTON
PLAYERS**



Due to the current situation, we are unable to meet, but usually we play in the Jubilee Hall, Ditchat, Monday 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Good friendly club. All ages and abilities are welcome including "rusty racquets".

Interested? Call Gaye Volk 01749 860081.

EVERCREECH ROUNDERS CLUB

Evercreech are proud to have had a well-established rounders team for over 30 years and have entered every year in the Somervale Ladies League.

We hope to be able to commence practice for 2022 in April at our home pitch Weston Town Sports Ground. Matches will start on the first Wednesday and most Wednesdays thereafter until early August 2022.

Home and away matches start at 7pm. We welcome all players of any age or ability, although a minimum age of 14 is required for insurance purposes.

For more information please contact:-

Captain Hayley Kessell 07702 599200

Vice-Captain Tracy Watts 07969 871795

EVERCREECH SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

We meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and Thursday afternoons 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm. You will be made very welcome; on the whole we are a friendly bunch. Bring the family, bowls is not just for the aged and infirm - although some of us are getting that way!! Club bowls are available - you do not have to have your own.

Membership is £12 per year plus Adults £3 & Juniors £1 per session to play. You don't have to sit in front of the box. Join our club and have some fun and exercise.

Contact: Andy Church 831004

Irene Cleverden 346838

EDIS VOLUNTEERS

The EDIS Team is a very small team of volunteers who really need more help!

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MENDIP BRIDLEWAYS & BYWAYS ASSOCIATION (MBBA)

www.mbba.org.uk



The aims of the Association are to protect and preserve the character and status of Mendip's Green Ways for the safe use and enjoyment of all users, especially children.

We are particularly interested in safety on our busy roads and would encourage all horse riders to wear Hi-viz clothing and be considerate and polite to other road users. Drivers may not realise that it is not always possible, for safety reasons, for riders to take their hands off the reins to acknowledge considerate drivers. Horses are flight animals and therefore may spook at any time. **We do appreciate those drivers who slow down when passing us.**

Membership is £15 per annum per person. Members have reduced entry fees to our rides and meetings and discounts at some tack shops. There is a newsletter twice a year.

Contact Ginnie Jones on **01749 831276** or email gjones@mbba.org.uk

For more information please contact Ginnie or visit the above website of Facebook.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION



**Registered Charity 1123238
Somerset Levels RDA Carriage
Driving Group**
www.sbanksomersetlevelsnda.org

This is a local charity, based in Binegar just off the A37. The group is part of the larger charitable organisation, Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). RDA has a network of 500 volunteer groups providing horse based activities to over 25,000 people each year.

Somerset Levels RDA Carriage Driving Group provides carriage driving on Tuesdays and Thursdays from their base in Binegar. The people who come along to drive have a variety of disabilities, many are in wheelchairs and the group use a specially adapted carriage so that the driver can stay in their wheelchair for their drive. We can cater for many needs and take young people and people in their 90s! Do contact us to discuss your needs. If you know of someone in a care home or special school, do contact as we have a few vacancies.

Benefits of carriage driving include improved self-confidence, coordination, muscle power and balance, being out and about in the open air, and a great sense of achievement.

Bi-weekly sessions cease in the winter. For general enquiries Contact: Ann Turner on **07938 563190** or **01985 215801**.

Volunteers needed! The pony, Millie needs to be cared for 365 days a year, so if you are interested in helping with that, please contact Ann who would love to hear from you.

EVERCREECH BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Weston Town Sports Field

Saturday 6 November at 7.00 pm.



Come and see the sky light up with our bonfire and fantastic firework display. There will be a Bar, Barbecue and mulled wine.

This a joint venture between St. Peter's Church and Evercreech Sports Club. Volunteers are always welcome

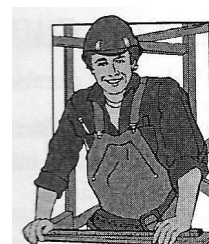
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You are welcome to come along to any of our club meetings, where you will see the latest in Radio Control tugs, warships, yachts, lifeboats, canal barges, paddle steamers and more. We meet on the first Sunday of the month 10 to 12 noon at Collett Park Lake. You can also follow us on our Facebook page: **Shepton Mallet Drifters MBC**.

TAI CHI FOR BETTER HEALTH

A weekly Tai Chi Qigong class is held at the Jubilee Hall, Ditchat by qualified instructor Richard Payne, every Monday at 10.30 am. Qigong is a set of simple, gentle restorative exercises which help mobility problems, the onset of Parkinson's, improve general well-being and keep our bones and muscles working.

Contact Richard on **01749 880308**
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COUNTERPOINT (Evercreech Singers)

We are STILL a friendly group, and we STILL dine (occasionally), wine (somewhat) and sing (lots) – 4 part unaccompanied and have been doing so for upwards of 30 years now. All notes are taught, so if you sing up here or down there or somewhere in the middle and are free 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, there is a place for you. If this catches your interest, do talk to Lita Buckley on **01749 831528**. Hope to see you Soon!

YOGA

Our **Friday 9.30 -11 am** Evercreech yoga class has now resumed. Although we are mindful that we still need to be cautious, it has been wonderful to meet again and practice together in the same space. There is nothing like coming together with a group of like minded people, all motivated to stretch, breathe, relax and share that Yogic calming head space. Numbers are lower than pre-Covid to allow for more space between yoga mats. If you'd like to enquire about a place in this or my other yoga classes, please e-mail: **robertsonyoga@aol.co.uk** or see **www.adeleyoga.co.uk**.

EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

Many thanks to all the councillors, and volunteers around the village who give up their time to keep the community ticking along so successfully. Also the officers, who have given us support. A particular note for our street cleaner, Mary-Lou, who is doing such a fabulous job around the village.

It was a strange year, with Covid restrictions meaning most of our meetings were held by Zoom, but thankfully we are now back meeting in the Village Hall and look forward to seeing members of the public at our regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

The Parish Council were lucky enough to welcome a representative of the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset at our last meeting who addressed us on county-wide plans for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. He pointed out that this would be the first Platinum Jubilee in history, and one that would be unlikely to be repeated. As such, the Parish Council agreed that we should mark the event with enthusiasm and celebration.

The Lord Lieutenant went on to detail arrangements in place and there will be an extended Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022, with the traditional late May Bank Holiday moving to Thursday 2 June.

There will be the traditional lighting of beacons across the county on the Thursday night. They are aiming for 70 county-wide to celebrate 70 years. We are hoping that we will be able to light our traditional beacon on top of Small Down Hill and that our colleagues in Milton Clevedon Parish will be lighting one on Creech Hill.

There will be a platinum party at The Palace, a special Trooping the Colour, and other events. We are being encouraged to support a celebratory village lunch on the Sunday. This proved very successful and popular when done for the Golden Jubilee, and I'm sure will be again.

This and any other event that the village would like to hold will take a lot of organisation, so we are looking to volunteers of individuals and village groups to step forward and help turn this into a very memorable weekend indeed. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are able to help at all (clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk). The village will be very grateful.

You may have noticed the skateboard ramp at Weston Town has been dismantled after the safety inspector condemned it. On demolition, the supporting framework was shown to be on the verge of collapse, so the decision to remove was proved correct. We hope to replace the equipment as soon as possible, but timing depends on a successful grant application, which is ongoing, and input from the young people of the village to confirm what they would like it replaced with. Thanks again to the volunteers who have joined the working party to take this forward.

We are all fed up with the eyesore that was the Greencore site in the middle of the village, and still await an acceptable planning application. Let's hope for an outbreak of common sense, and a sensible and constructive development in this important site.

Many thanks to the EDIS team for their hard work, and all residents for making Evercreech such a pleasant place to live.

Rob Reed (Chair, Evercreech Parish Council)



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LOCAL MENDIP COUNCILLOR

Update from Barry O'Leary




Hi everyone,

As we enter a new normal everything feels slightly different. For some people this can be unbelievable and overwhelming. At the same time, it feels as if we have walked into an old recurring dream. Cast your mind back a few weeks and imagine someone telling you the following: within a month, schools will be closed. As a result **many of us have been spending more time at home**. Kitchens have doubled-up as offices, living rooms have become 'zoom rooms' for many. It is not just where we live - it is where we make a living. Among Mendip District Council's statutory duties is to **monitor the condition of privately rented properties** to ensure residents live in safe, healthy, and warm homes. We can take informal and formal legal **action to improve housing standards** to ensure properties are free from hazards, and houses in multiple occupation are managed to a safe standard. During 2020-2021, your Council took informal action more than two hundred times to fix damp and mould, faulty electrics, structural defects, and poor heating. And we issued twenty-eight formal notices too.

I want to remind people that help is out there to ensure you stay in your homes. At the first sign of hardship, please contact the Council's Housing Options Team **0300 303 8588**, for one-to-one advice. Property owners can also call that number if they find themselves with tenants behind with rental payments. We want to support our communities and avoid costly evictions and potential homelessness. Mendip Council is working to ensure **grants are available to help those in low-income households to reduce their energy bills**, to make homes warmer through improvements. Ending fuel poverty and helping reduce carbon is front and centre for us. We are tapping into funding such as the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme, so we can provide Mendip residents with even more help. Take a look at the many ways we can support people to have safer, healthier, and warmer homes: www.mendip.gov.uk/financialassistance.

Back in 2019, Mendip was one of three hundred councils nationwide to declare a **climate emergency**. It was a firm commitment from us, and was written into our corporate priorities. We are also lucky in that, on the whole, we have good air quality in Mendip, although there are some emissions pinch-points that cannot be ignored. To address this, **I promoted the issue of tackling idling, keeping down harmful emissions locally**. You will find anti-idling reminders in car parks and (working with Somerset Waste Partnership) at our district recycling centres too. They are **even installed at the Co-op and Village Hall!** We all need to work together to tackle climate change – young and old.

Finally remember we are still in challenging times; my heart really goes out to all the people who are caring for loved ones, often without any rest and respite. I know from first-hand experience, being a carer can be tough and relentless, especially at the moment. If you are looking after someone who needs to be shielded, you can call the Somerset Coronavirus Helpline on: **0300 790 6275** between 8 am and 6 pm every day- even weekends.

What are Mendips Responsibilities?		What has Barry Done ?
	Cleaning our verges, ensuring regular road sweeping visits to the village and surrounding communities	I raised the importance of tackling the rural litter problem . I ensured that Mendips Road sweeper teams visited not just the village but its surrounding communities. There is a lot done - but more to do.
	Supporting local small business. Establishing a Mendip Recover, Restart & Grow programme.	Helping our local businesses get insights, expertise and a mix of support, ideas, and connections to help grow back better.
	Assisting residents with planning, noise, pathways, and licensing. Did you know I get about thirty enquiries a week?	I have worked and been available to support residents throughout lockdown . I ensured further public meetings were held on the future of Greencore as well as a consultation on NASS music festival. I worked to seek positive solutions.

Please - stay safe, look after yourself and those around you.

Barry, Your Mendip Councillor,  here for you.

Cllr. Barry O'Leary

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EVERCREECH VILLAGE HALL**www.evercreechvillagehall.org.uk/***Charity Number 304538*Chair: Marion Covens Tel: **830239**Vice Chair: Nic Jefferis Tel: **830899**Secretary: *Vacancy*Treasurer: Richard Kewish Tel: **830665**Hall Bookings: Janet Rundle Tel: **830800** or **evercreechvh@gmail.com**

It is lovely to see the hall being used again by some of the groups – a big welcome back to everyone. Although life is beginning to get back to normal, we are still asking all groups and visitors to the hall to socially distance and use the sanitisers/anti-viral sprays provided. We had the hall ‘fogged/sprayed’ in early May to give it that extra bit of disinfecting. Fogging is an intense level of disinfecting, as it covers all surfaces and areas.

We have reluctantly decided to cancel our Celebratory Opening Tea Party once again due to the fairly high Covid numbers in the Mendip region at the moment. We will look at it again in the Spring when we will have to call the occasion something entirely different but tea and cakes will still be the order of the day.

Despite Covid, we are not standing still with our plans for the hall. You might have seen on Facebook that we are looking into installing some electric car charging points in the car park to the rear of the hall and the comments have been very helpful. If you have any comment on this, please contact one of the above.

I am sure everyone will be delighted to learn that we have at last decided to join the 21st century and install wi-fi in the hall. It has been discussed numerous times in the past but cost was an issue. Now our very hard working Vice Chairman has managed to obtain a good deal so we can now offer wi-fi free of charge to everyone using the hall.

We are also looking into improving facilities in our rear hall and are currently contemplating installing a hearing loop to help all hearing aid users to fully participate in events. There is already a hearing loop in the main hall and anyone with a T setting on their hearing aids can have it switched on.

We are also considering installing a large fixed screen in the rear hall with computer and internet/wi-fi outputs which we hope will be a benefit for any presentation to a small audience. We would also fit blackout blinds to the window to get the best viewing experience.

If you haven't visited the Village Hall web page (above), why not take a look and see what's happening. There is up-to-date information, dates for the diary and you can see at a glance what events are coming up.

A date for your diaries is Saturday 4 December when, FINGERS CROSSED, we will hold our Christmas Bingo! Our web page and Facebook page will have all the up-to-date information but if you don't use the internet, then we will also be putting notices around the village. I suspect that we will still have to limit numbers in December but we are really hoping for our usual fun night to go ahead.

As always, a big thank you to everyone who uses and supports the Village Hall. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do get in touch with anyone on the above list and we'll be sure to raise and discuss these at the committee meetings.

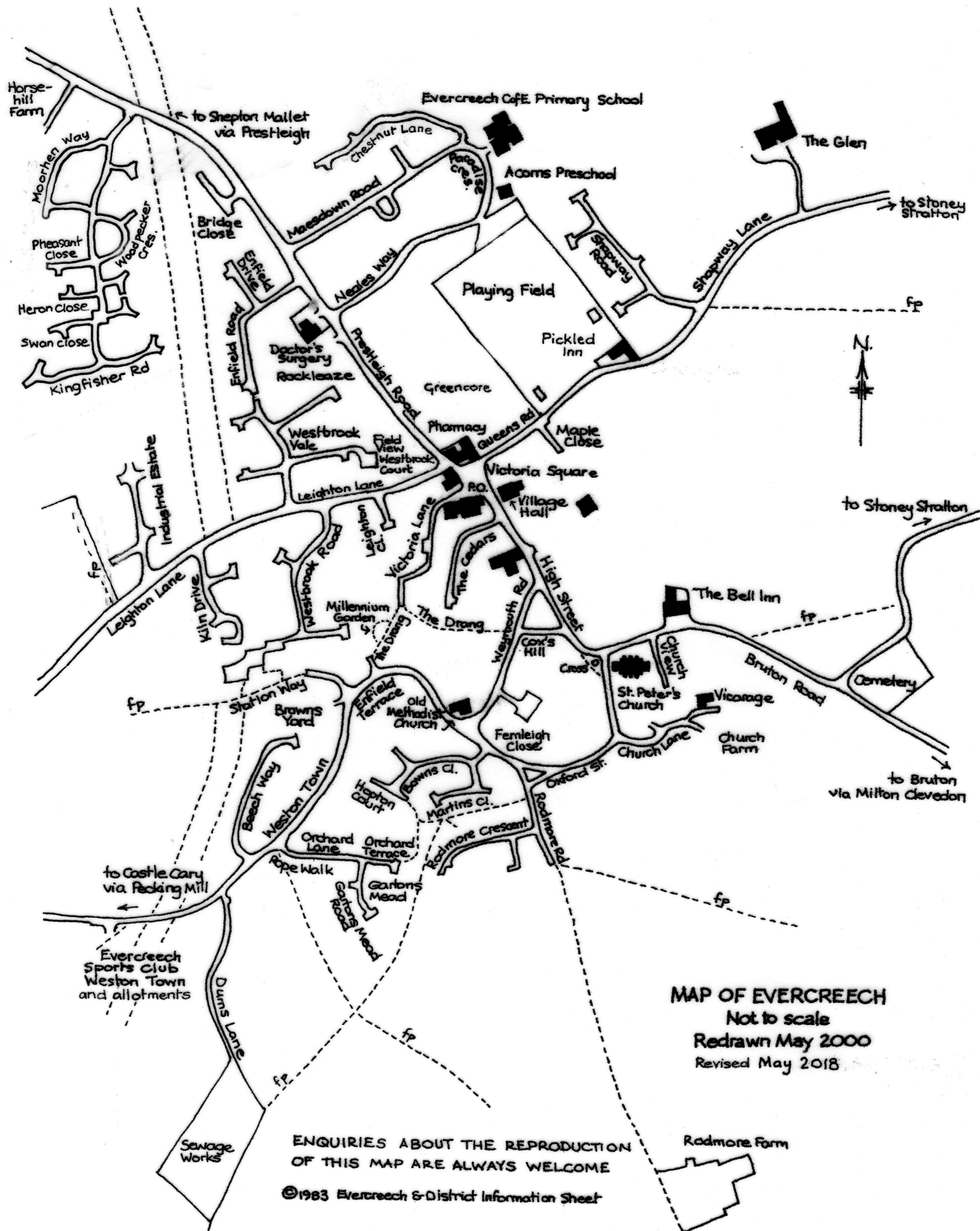
*Marion Covens, Chair***EVERCREECH IN BLOOM**

Autumn is upon us once again and we have had many periods of intense rain and sunshine over the summer months. However, we would like to thank you all again for making Evercreech so colourful with borders, hanging baskets and roadside displays. Some of you may be aware that Ali is returning to the Midlands to be nearer her daughters so will

be unable to continue with Evercreech in Bloom and the finances. Mollie would also like to retire and so we are asking for anyone who would be willing to take this on to come forward. It is not an onerous task and there are funds in the EIB account. Also the Co-op continue to sponsor us twice a year.

Please let us know if you are interested. Alison Partridge on **831251** or Mollie Purse on **830166**.

Ali Partridge



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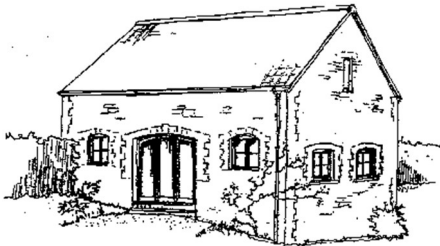


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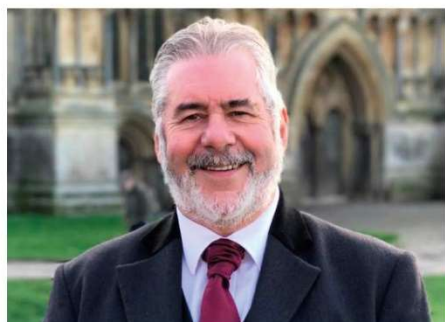
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